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Secretariat (Mr. Blackburn)

(1).

Please see below 22A + 15A.

1. As far as we are able to see the request by the  
Gurin is to ensure that we are able to receive  
the two secretariat Poles at OSNABURG as / day before

2. Will you ~~not~~ deal with this please

14 Feb 47.

Yours,  
J. G. (P.)



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 being released by Int Div 18 April area PADERBORN and handed over PW & DP (.)  
 To be returned to VOERDE CAMP (.) If subsequently moved from VOERDE, destination  
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70 H.Q. C.C.G.,  
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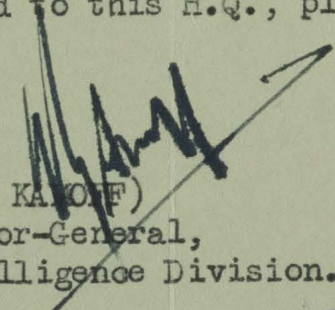
26 February, 1947.

To: P.W. & D.P. Division, (Attn. Maj. GRAY)  
102 HQ Zonal Executive Offices,  
C.C.G., BAOR.

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SUBJECT: Illegal Activities - Russian L.Os.

May a complete report re the PW & DP Division's  
complaint concerning the activities of Russian Allies at  
WETER Camp in January be forwarded to this H.Q., please.

  
(G. KAYOFF)  
for Major-General,  
Chief, Intelligence Division.

Regd. S.D.S.

GK/JH

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MG 914 (PWDP 2701) . TOP SECRET . FOR SECRETARIAT . SUBJECT  
IS MURDER OF YUGOSLAV FALATAR YOUR HQ/09236/SEC G OF 20 NOV  
REFERS . EX CAPTAIN PREDROG POPOVIC SERIAL IV (1) IN APPENDIX  
B ARRESTED BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND NOW HELD IN SIEGBURG CIVIL  
PRISON RB KOLN . DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED .

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*RBB*



Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

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MG914 (PWDP 2701).

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R. 2030 15 MAR 1947

FOR PW/DP.

SUBJECT IS MURDER OF YUGOSLAV FALATAR.

YOUR HQ/09236/8/SEC G OF 20 NOV 46 REFERS.

EX CAPTAIN FREDROG POPOVIC SERIAL 1V (1) IN APPENDIX

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DTO 241615  
TOR 242310

RG0 976. NRW/RGO/1563/2. 24 FEB '47.

SUBJECT VOERDE CAMP

REFERENCE HQ/09236/SEC 19 FEB '47.

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR FURTHER RAID ON VOERDE CAMP TO TAKE  
PLACE ON OR ABOUT 28 FEB '47. WILL INFORM YOU OF RESULT

DTO 241615

Distribution

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Secretariat Mr Scarlett  
M & M.C.  
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*John*

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FROM RHINWEST

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TO HQ MIL GOV RB ARNSBERG,  
204 (R) DET MIL GOV ARNSBERG,  
G(COPS) HQ 1 BRIT CORPS,  
PWDP DIV LEMGO.

*Spide M Chief 26 Feb.  
We will Not send Reserve*

*Jolly*

MG 976. NRW/RGO/2421/21.

T O P S E C R E T .

SUBJECT IS OP VALIANT PREVIOUSLY HELD 8 JAN.

ONE. PROPOSED TO CARRY OUT OPERATION AGAIN ON 28 FEB.

TWO. DEPUTY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER WILL MEET FOLLOWING AT  
HQ 2 R W F GEVELSBURG (A7202) 1100 HOURS WEDNESDAY 26 FEB.

COL STIRLING COMD RB ARNSBERG. LT COL MEARS 204 (R) DET.

COMDG OFFR 2 R W F OR .REP. MAJOR EATON OC 82 DPACS.

YUGOSLAV L.O. DETAILED BY ALB.

THREE. VERBAL ORDERS WILL BE ISSUED BY DRC AT THIS CONFERENCE.

FOUR. FOR PWDP DIV. YOU HAVE ARRANGED FOR YUGOSLAV L O TO ATTEND

(TELECON PARSONS/SMITH) OF 24 FEB 47.



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not delivered by hand of  
Sgt. Moulton - Barnett

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Ext. 656

/09236/Sec

Office of the Deputy Military Governor,  
Zonal Executive Offices,  
Lubbecke,  
60 HQ CCG(BE),  
B.A.O.R.

19 February, 1947



To: HQ BAOR

1. You recently arranged for Voerde Camp to be raided on the 8th January. This raid was unsuccessful in that it did not lead to the arrest of any of the Yugoslav collaborators and traitors who were believed to be in the camp, though it was successful in other respects.
2. There are 207 Yugoslavs whose extradition has been requested by the Yugoslav Government and agreed by HMG. So far, we have only succeeded in arresting three or four of these people. Unless we can show better results in the near future, there is likely to be trouble about this at the Moscow Conference, and this will be visited on us in due course.
3. HQ CCG Berlin have, therefore, requested us to arrange for a further snap search of Voerde Camp in the hopes that a number of the wanted men may by now have filtered back into the camp.
4. We have requested Nord Rhein/Westfalen Region to arrange locally for the raid to be carried out. We have, however, told them that if they have strong reasons for believing that a raid would not achieve the object, or if they have alternative means by which the wanted men could be arrested, that they should communicate with us at once.
5. Meanwhile, it would be appreciated if you would give covering authority for troops to be made available for such a raid should the Region consider it desirable.

*Al. Krittenberg*  
for Lieutenant-General  
Deputy Military Governor,

Copy to: PW /DP Division,  
HQ Land Nord Rhein/Westfalen Region



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1: LEMGO 614

Ref: PWDP/58691/G

PW & DP Division,  
Zonal Executive Offices,  
C.C.G. LEMGO,  
66 HQ C.C.G.,  
B.A.O.R.

21 Feb 47

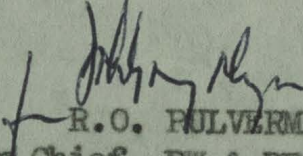
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Governor,  
Zonal Executive Offices,  
COG LUBBECKE,  
60 HQ C.C.G.,  
B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: VOERDE Camp

Reference is made to your HQ/09236/Sec dated 19 Feb 47,  
particularising para 2.

Set out hereunder is a report submitted by Mr. R. F.  
FORBER, this Division's representative at the raid on VOERDE  
Camp on 8 Jan 47, which is forwarded for such action as you  
may desire to take.

"It was reported to me, while at VOERDE, that a  
week or ten days before the raid, Major EATON  
visited the R.W.F. Mess and asked a few pointed  
questions about something that was going to  
happen at VOERDE Camp. Major EATON is said to  
have stated that his source of information was  
hearing a Public Safety Officer mention in the  
Club at HAGEN that something was shortly to take  
place at VOERDE".

  
R.O. PULVERMAN,  
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

RFF/JNM



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Ext 56

HQ/09236/Sec

Office of the Deputy Military Governor,  
Zonal Executive Offices,  
Lubbecke,  
60 HQ CCG(BE),  
B.A.O.R.

19 February, 1947

To: Regional Commissioner,  
Land Nord Rhein/Westfalen Region

1. HQ CCG Berlin have now examined the reports of the raid on Voerde Camp forwarded by you under your No. NRW/RC/267/27/B of the 14th January. Berlin state they are not entirely satisfied with the situation. For instance, a report made by the Commander of the Mil Gov Detachment in Arnsberg states in para 9 (b) that no arms or ammunition were found. In fact, it is believed that arms and ammunition were found. Berlin now request information as to how many unauthorised arms and how much ammunition was found, and what was done with it. We understand that the arms and ammunition referred to were confiscated and removed by Public Safety Officers. You are requested to confirm this, and if possible to state how the Yugoslavs acquired these unauthorised arms and ammunition.
2. Secondly, Berlin fear that information of the raid may have leaked out in advance. Our information seems to show that the raid came as a surprise to the inmates of the camp. Your comments on this point are requested.
3. Thirdly, Berlin consider that it is a reflection on the Commission that during the past year, we have only been able to apprehend three or four Yugoslav collaborators and traitors out of the list of 207, whose extradition has been applied for by the Yugoslav Government and agreed by the Foreign Office. Unless we can show some results fairly soon, we shall have trouble about this at the Moscow Conference, and this will be visited on the Commission in due course. This being so, we cannot let the matter rest. HQ CCG Berlin feel that some of the wanted men may by now have filtered back into the Voerde Camp, and that this would therefore be a good moment for a further determined effort to find them.
4. You are, therefore, requested to arrange for a further search of this camp to be made in the presence of Yugoslav Liaison Officers as soon as possible, and preferably before the end of February. If you are quite certain that this further snap raid would achieve no results, or if you have alternative plans for achieving the same ends, you are requested to notify this HQ as early as possible.
5. We are approaching HQ BAOR with a view to getting their authority for local troops to be made available to assist you to carry out the raid should you consider this course desirable.
6. Arrangements for the presence of officers from the Yugoslav Mission should be made by you direct with Allied Liaison Branch, Bad Salzungen.

*Al. Ritten*  
for Lieutenant-General  
Deputy Military Governor

Copy to: PW & DP Division, Lengo  
Allied Liaison Branch DCOS(X)  
'G' Sec. Secretariat  
Mr. King, Political Division, Tax House, Lubbecke.





HQ: HQ INT/DIV/G2b/5710/34  
HERFORD 2737

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H.Q. Intelligence Division,  
70 H.Q. C.C.G. (B.E.),  
B.A.O.R.

8 February, 1947.

To: P.W. & D.P. Division,  
102 H.Q. Zonal Executive Offices,  
C.C.G., B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Illegal Activities of Ukrainian DPs

Reference your PWDP/58378/1 of 24 Jan.

1. Independent confirmation of the existence of U.P.A. in our Zone is held by this Division and its activities are at present being watched.
2. It is not, however, thought desirable to attempt to suppress these activities unless there are indications that they are likely to endanger security, as the only result would be to drive the organisation further underground.
3. It is suggested that the Soviet Repatriation Mission should be pacified with some vague assurance of the efforts of this Division to ascertain the full scope of the organisation before taking precipitate action to suppress it and asked for any information they have which would assist investigations. It might be added that to date no evidence has been found of the training of bands in this Zone for future use against the established Government and that this is regarded as a virtual impossibility.

*for* *J. H. Howard*  
*Brig*  
Major General,  
Chief, Intelligence Division  
Regd. S.D.S.

(E. A. HOWARD.)

/MMcG.  
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SUBJECT: Movement to GERMANY of recalcitrant members of the Polish Armed Forces

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Vice Admiral Commanding,  
British Naval Forces GERMANY,  
Naval Headquarters HAMBURG

Air Headquarters,  
British Air Forces of Occupation

Zonal Executive Offices,  
Control Commission for GERMANY,

Secretariat	(5)
Allied Liaison Branch	(2)
Prisoners of War and Displaced	
Persons Division	(5)
Manpower Division	(3)

BM6 to BAOR/39030/G(SDO 2a)

4 February 1947

Reference BAOR/39030/G(SDO 2a) dated 4 January 1947.

1. The minutes of the meeting held in the War Office on 7 January 1947 to discuss the disposal of recalcitrant Poles are forwarded at Appendix 'A' attached.

2. The War Office have been requested to ensure that this Headquarters receives:-

(a) Copies of all instructions issued by them to home commands.

(b) Seven days notice of the embarkation of each party of recalcitrant Poles.

3. You will be kept informed of all developments which may concern you.

Extension 2518  
Headquarters,  
British Army of the Rhine  
BAOR  
/DKP

(I.H. FREELAND)  
Major General,  
Chief of Staff.

Copies to:- Headquarters British Army of the Rhine

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Encl 4 to 0173/454(SD 2)  
20th January, 1947

Appendix 'A' to  
BM6 to  
BAOR/39030/G(SD 2a)  
dated 4 February 1947

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN ROOM 350  
THE WAR OFFICE, ON 7 JAN 47 TO DISCUSS  
THE DISPOSAL OF RECALCITRANT POLES

Those present:

1.	Colonel R.J. Hoare	Col-GS(SD) HQ BAOR
	Major K.L. Vink	G(SD) HQ BAOR
	Major W.R.O.G. Baker	WO (Q 1)
	Brigadier G.M.O. Davy	BAS to HQ PRC
	Capt. F.W. Hann	S/C Eastern Command
	Lt Col G.W. Mitchell	HQ BAS Western Command
	Major P.M. Slane	G(SD) Western Command
	Major R.A. Williams	DQMG(M) Q(M) 4 rep DF Mov
	Wing Commander H.C. Biles	Air Ministry
	Miss S.M. Masel	Control Office
	Mr. R.S. Crawford	
	Commander M.A.G. Child	Admiralty
	Major A.D. Mackenzie	Scottish Command
	Major F.G. Rogers	Eastern Command
	Lt Col C.A.D. Thrupp	Eastern Command
	Brigadier H.R.R. Watkins	Southern Command
	Brigadier E.H.C. Frith	Northern Command
	Colonel C.M. Paton	Demob 2 rep DMP
	Mr. I. Roy	Home Office
	Mr. F.L.F. Devy	Home Office
	Mr. G.P. Carr	DF(a) War Office
	Mr. O.H. Wagstaff	F 5
Chairman	Lt Col R.G.V. FitzGeorge Balfour	SD 2
Secretary	Major A.V.C. Robarts	SD 2

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Object of the meeting

2. The Chairman explained that the War Office have been authorised to move to Germany, and to discharge there, 200 Polish officers and men who are not willing either to return to Poland or to be repatriated to Poland.

It was now necessary to implement this decision, so that they could be put into operation without delay.

It is generally hoped that the result of publicising the scheme among the Polish troops in the United Kingdom will drastically reduce the number of recalcitrants, and will have a beneficial effect on those who as yet have not had to make their decision.

3. The Chairman considered that discussion could best follow three phases:-

- (a) Phase I: the method of selecting the 200 officers and men.
- (b) Phase II: details of the move to Germany.
- (c) Phase III: details of the disposal in Germany of these officers and men.



Phase I

4. (a) During discussion it was generally agreed that 14 days would be too long a period to allow a man to finally make up his mind whether to be sent to Germany or to enlist in the Polish Resettlement Corps or to return to Poland.
- (b) It was agreed that the first party of officers and men to be given their drafting orders will be allowed 7 days in which to decide, and ~~that~~ thereafter officers and men will be allowed 2 days.
5. Scottish Command and Northern Command stated that a considerable number of recalcitrant Poles are anxious to go to Germany so as to have a chance of re-uniting with their families there.

It was generally agreed that as the object of the plan is to reduce the number of recalcitrants, there would be no object in sending to Germany men who wish to go there.

It was agreed therefore that:-

- (a) The men shall be selected on the basis of the order in which they were offered and refused the offer of enlistment in the Polish Resettlement Corps or return to Poland.
- (b) Commands may exercise a certain amount of discretion in selecting the men on account of extreme compassionate etc grounds, and also in omitting those who are thought to wish to go to Germany.
- (c) Officers and men with dependants in the United Kingdom shall not be excluded from selection, but Commands will notify the War Office of the number of such officers and men, so that the War Office can consult the Control Office about disposal of them and their dependants. Such personnel will not be moved without War Office authority.
- (d) In view of (a) above, selection cannot be confined to young and fit men, but when the choice lies between a young and fit man and an old and unfit man, the bias shall be in favour of the former. Similarly those without dependants should be selected before those with dependants.
- (e) Men of known bad character or with Nazi sympathies will not be included.
6. It was agreed that:-
- (a) The War Office instruction about the move shall include details of what the future of these men in Germany will be e.g. that they will go to a German refugee camp at Osnabruck for discharge after which they will take their place among the German population and not go to Displaced Persons camps.
- (b) No mention will be made in the War Office instructions that a first draft of 200 all ranks will be sent to Germany: the only mention of this number will be the allotment to Commands.
7. (a) Discussion followed about the number to be allotted between the Admiralty, Air Ministry and Commands and it was agreed that the decision should be left to the War Office.



- (b) The following shows the proposed allotment:-

Scottish Command	65
Northern Command	42
Eastern Command	25
Southern Command	13
Western Command	10
Admiralty	15
Air Ministry	30

- (c) It was agreed that if the above allotment cannot be fully used the War Office will be notified so that re-allotment of the unused balance can be made.

### Phase II

8. It was agreed that:-

- (a) Commands, the Admiralty and the Air Ministry will notify Northern Command of the number of officers and men ready to move to Germany.
- (b) Northern Command will call forward officers and men in parties of between 10 and 20 strong.

Such parties should be called forward from each Command, the Admiralty and the Air Ministry in turn. This may not always be possible, however, in which case Northern Command will call forward from other Commands, the Admiralty or the Air Ministry sufficient men to make up the party to the correct size.

- (c) Each party will be accommodated in the transit camp at HULL prior to embarkation to CUXHAVEN.

9. It was agreed that:

- (a) Each party will be escorted by unarmed personnel of the Polish Resettlement Corps. This escort will be found by the Command providing the party or the majority of the party.
- (b) Each party will be accompanied by a British officer, to be found by the British Advisory Staff of the Command providing the party.
- (c) The British officer and the escort will accompany the party to OSNABRUCK, being met at CUXHAVEN by a British draft conducting NCO to be provided by BAOR.
- (d) BAOR will arrange the return to UK of the British officer and escort.

### Phase III

10. It was agreed not to pay gratuities or 56 days pay in lieu of release leave



11. (a) In order that the men shall not arrive in Germany without money it was suggested that each officer and man before he leave the UK should be paid or credited with:-
- (i) the equivalent of £10 in German currency;
  - (ii) his pay up to 10 days from the date on which he is warned to be at immediate readiness to move to Germany.
- (b) The equivalent of £10 in German currency referred to at (i) above would not be handed over to the man until his discharge at OSNABRUCK. Mr. Carr stated that he would refer the proposal at (a) (i) above to his superiors: it would require Treasury sanction.

12. It was agreed that up to £20 sterling per individual will be exchanged at CUXHAVEN into Reich marks, at the military rate. This figure to include 11(a) (i) above.

No B.A.F.S. will be provided.

13. Personal savings in whatever currency in excess of the sum in para 12 cannot be transferred to Germany, and no dealings in them will be possible after arrival in Germany. Arrangements for the administration of assets left behind, e.g. by a trustee, should be made before departure.

14. The Home Office were invited to warn the Customs authorities at HULL of the possibility of the men attempting to take illicit quantities of sterling and other forbidden articles out of the UK.

Northern Command will warn the Immigration authorities at HULL of the date of the move of each party.

15. BAOR emphasised that the men could not wear military clothing in Germany after their discharge though there will be no objection to them retaining clothing which cannot be seen, and necessities.

It will be necessary for them to be issued with civilian clothing at OSNABRUCK. Owing to the weather in Germany, it is essential for an overcoat or raincoat (not of military pattern) to be included in the issue.

16. It was agreed that DSD would consult MGOF about issuing civilian clothing and the retention of military clothing and necessities to the scales shown at Appendix 'A'.

17. It was agreed that the necessary quantity of civilian clothing will be sent in bulk with each party, to overcome difficulties of provision in Germany.

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1 Shirt	1 Pr Trousers
2 Collars	1 overcoat (where available
1 Tie	or Raincoat).
2 Studs	
1 pr cuff links	

(b) Army Clothing (to be retained)

1 Pr Boots	1 Pullover
2 Prs Socks	1 Vest, Woollen
1 Muffler (Cap Comforter)	2 Towels
1 Pr Drawers Woollen	1 Kitbag
1 Pr Braces	1 Sewing accessories
1 Pr Gloves Knitted	1 Brush, shaving
1 Brush, hair	2 ozs Soap
1 Brush, boot	1 Razor, safety
1 Brush, tooth	6 Razor blades.

N.B. Knife, fork, spoon and mess tin will be  
issued for the voyage if required, and  
if ordered in Movement Order.



MOVE TO UK OF 1 POLISH ARMED DIV  
AND 1 POLISH PARA BDE

1. ARRANGEMENTS FOR DOCUMENTATION AND CHECKING AT  
PORT OF EMBARKATION OF MEMBERS OF POLISH ARMED FORCES

2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCREENING, COLLECTING AND EVENTUAL  
DISPOSAL OF ELIGIBLE DEFENDANTS

QUACKENBROCK for those of Pol Armed Div

HAREN or other suitable WRA Camp for those of PRA already in UK, pending screening and acceptance then moved to QUACKENBROCK.

3. DISPOSAL OF DEFENDANTS NOT YET ELIGIBLE

QUACKENBROCK for those of Pol Armed Div until they have been accepted or not

HAREN for those of PRA already in UK, but have awaiting screening and acceptance before moving to QUACKENBROCK

4. ORGANISATION REQUIRED TO ADMINISTER RESIDUE OF POLES

5. DETAILS OF MOVEMENT - POLISH ARMED FORCES

6. DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN HEADQUARTERS CONCERNED

PWDP - 1. B.A.O.R. will continue to hold recalcitrants and ineligible and their dependents for the present. On S.O. authority they are still soldiers and therefore they and their dependents can still be B.A.O.R. rationed.

2. Certain so-called dependents will eventually be declared ineligible and will again become PWDP responsibility

3. B.A.O.R. will retain ration & disposal of (1) above



MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE CHIEF  
OF STAFF'S CONFERENCE ROOM, HEADQUARTERS  
BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE AT 1430 HOURS  
ON MONDAY 27 JANUARY 1947 TO DISCUSS THE  
MOVE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF VOLUNTEERS  
TO JOIN THE POLISH RESETTLEMENT CORPS  
FROM THE POLISH ARMED FORCES IN GERMANY

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<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	Col	R.J.	HOARE	Col GS(SD)	Headquarters British Army of the Rhine	
<u>PRESENT</u>	Maj	G.S. D.J.L.	SCARLETT Esq GRAY	Secretariat Prisoner of War and Displaced Persons Division	) Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element)	
		G.	KAMOFF Esq	Intelligence Division		
		J.	CROSSLEY Esq	Finance Division		
	Col	A.	ROSS	Allied		
	Lt Col	J.F.	ROSS	Liaison	)	
	Maj	N.D.	JENNINGS	Branch		
	Lt Col	R.	GILBERTSON	G(SD)	) Headquarters 1 British Corps District	
	Lt Col	R.A.B.	COOPER	A		
	Brig	P.H.	de HAVILLAND	Brig Q		
	Maj	W.C.	EATWELL	Q	Headquarters HAMBURG Dist- rict	
	Col	H.	LIPSCOMBE		) 4 Liaison Headquarters	
	Maj	L.J.	KING			
	Lt Col	S.H.	KENT	G(Ops)	) Headquarters British Army of the Rhine	
	Lt Col	I.H.	FREELAND	G(SD)		
	Maj	C.V.	KING	G(SDW)		
	Maj	L.E.	SLO.	A(Org)		
	Maj	A.C.F.	DREW-WILKINSON	A(MP-Demob)		
	Lt Col	P.F.	SHAKERLEY	A(PS)		
	Contr	C.N.	AYMER	DDATS		
	Maj	V.R.H.	BOYD	Q		
	Maj	E.J.	WOODCOCK	Q		
	Lt Col	B.A.E.	MAUDE	Q(M)		
	Lt Col	J.C.L.	THOMAS	Pay		
	Maj	W.N.S.	DONALDSON	Med		
	Maj	E.J.	BERRIDGE	Ord		
<u>JOINT SECRETARIES</u>	Maj	K.L.	VINK	G(SDO 2a)		) Headquarters British Army of the Rhine
	Capt	R.M.	HALLIDAY	G(SDO 2a)		



OBJECT

1. The object of the meeting was to co-ordinate the arrangements for the move to the United Kingdom of volunteers from the Polish Armed Forces in GERMANY to join the Polish Resettlement Corps.

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2. The Chairman stressed the need for ensuring that the War Office instructions contained in Annexures I and II to Appendix 'A' to BII to BAOR/39030/G(SD 2a) dated 21 January 1947 were strictly complied with.

DOCUMENTATION OF ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF POLISH ARMED FORCES

3. It was agreed that in order to minimise the possibility of any ineligible Pole receiving documents authorising him to enter the United Kingdom, the procedure laid down in paragraphs 4 to 9 below would be adopted.

4. A(Org), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine will instruct General Headquarters Second Echelon (GHQ 2 Ech) forthwith to:-

A(Org)  
Headquarters, British  
Army of the Rhine

- (a) Place all personnel record cards held by Polish section Second Echelon under strict British supervision.

General Headquarters,  
Second Echelon

- (b) Produce from these cards 10 copies of nominal rolls certified correct, showing by units:

- (i) all Polish soldiers in GERMANY eligible to join the Polish Resettlement Corps.
- (ii) all Polish soldiers in GERMANY ineligible to join the Polish Resettlement Corps.

5. On receipt of these nominal rolls, G(SD) Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine will arrange their disposal as follows:-

G(SD),  
Headquarters, British  
Army of the Rhine

- (a) Two copies to Intelligence Division, Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element).

- (b) Two copies to Public Safety Branch, Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element).

- (c) Ten copies to Headquarters, 1 British Corps District (for 4 Liaison Headquarters).

- (d) Ten copies to War Office (DSD).

6. G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine will arrange for the printing of 40,000 copies of the Form 'A' given at Appendix 'A' attached and arrange their despatch to Headquarters, 4 Liaison Headquarters, by 3 February 1947.

G(SD),  
Headquarters, British  
Army of the Rhine



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7. On receipt of these forms 4 Liaison Headquarters will:
- 4 Liaison Headquarters
- (a) Return 150 copies, duly stamped to Headquarters, 1 British Corps District for onward transmission to G(SD) Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine.
  - (b) Arrange for the completion of these forms including the affixing of the photographs by members of the Polish Armed Forces volunteering to join the Polish Resettlement Corps. (Poles wishing to be repatriated to countries other than POLAND will complete these forms and be repatriated via the United Kingdom.)
  - (c) Check each pair of completed forms against the nominal rolls provided in paragraph 4(b) above.
  - (d) Stamp all approved forms, returning the original to the individual and retaining the duplicate.
8. Headquarters, 1 British Corps District will arrange for a photograph, identical to those affixed to his Form A to be pasted inside the AB 64 Part I of each Pole volunteering to join the Polish Resettlement Corps. These photographs will be certified as "true likenesses" by the respective Polish commanding officers.
- Headquarters,  
1 British Corps District
9. Headquarters, 1 British Corps District will render to G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine by 20 February 1947, a return on the pro forma given at Appendix 'B' attached. Thereafter weekly returns will be rendered giving details by units and numbers of the additional Poles who have opted to join the Polish Resettlement Corps.
- Headquarters,  
1 British Corps District

CHECKING OF POLES AT PORT OF EMBARKATION

10. It was agreed that in order to prevent any ineligible Pole embarking for the United Kingdom the procedure given in paragraphs 11 to 14 below would be adopted.
11. 4 Liaison Headquarters will arrange to establish a control post at the port of embarkation to ensure that the identity of each Pole is checked as follows before embarkation:-
- 4 Liaison Headquarters
- (a) That the photograph in his AB 64 Part I and on his original Form A agree with the photograph on the duplicate Form A and resemble the individual.
  - (b) That his signature, given at the port of embarkation agrees with that on the duplicate Form A.



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12. NO Pole will be allowed to leave the ship once he has been embarked.
13. Headquarters, 1 British Corps District will inform G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine by 7 February 1947 of the additional Field Security or Royal Corps of Military Police personnel it is considered necessary to ensure that this check can be adequately carried out.
14. After embarkation 4 Liaison Headquarters will forward the unit nominal rolls,, together with the duplicate Forms A to Headquarters, 1 British Corps District for onward transmission to G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine.
- Headquarters  
1 British Corps District
- 4 Liaison  
Headquarters  
Headquarters,  
1 British Corps District

ELIGIBLE DEPENDANTS OF POLISH ARMED FORCES IN GERMANY

15. The Chairman stated that the term "children" in paragraph 1(c) of Annexure II to Appendix A to BMI to BAOR/39030/G(SD) 2a) dated 21 January 1947, would include daughters under 21 who are divorced or widowed together with their children provided that the fathers of these daughters are members of the Polish Resettlement Corps or members of the Polish Armed Forces in GERMANY volunteering to join this corps.
16. It was agreed that NO Polish dependant who became "attached" after 31 December 1946 would be considered eligible to be moved to the United Kingdom as an army commitment, but would have to make his or her own arrangements to enter the United Kingdom as an immigrant. The accepted figures for eligible dependants were agreed at:-
- (a) 1673 wives (plus those members of Polish Womens Auxiliary Service who elect to be classified as dependants and are eligible.)
  - (b) 598 children (subject to any increases through natural and legitimate causes.)
17. It was agreed that screening would be carried out by 4 Liaison Headquarters and that Form 223X would be issued to all eligible dependants as they were accepted. They would then be recognised as military families.
18. It was agreed that eligible dependants should remain with the Pole on whom they are dependant until his move to the United Kingdom when they will be accepted into the Polish Families Camp (see paragraph 27 below.)

4 Liaison  
Headquarters.



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19. It was agreed that Headquarters 1 British Corps District would forward to G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine by 10 February 1947, returns on the pro formae given at Appendices 'C' and 'D' attached. Headquarters, 1 British Corps District.
20. It was agreed that Headquarters, 1 British Corps District would submit to G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine by 10 February 1947, details of any class of dependant, NOT at present under consideration, whom it is recommended should be eligible to be moved to the United Kingdom, together with an estimate of the numbers involved in each category. Headquarters, 1 British Corps District.

DEPENDANTS OF 1 AND 2 POLISH CORPS

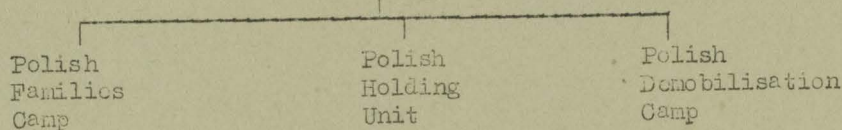
21. It was agreed that G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine would request War Office to send out a team from the Polish Resettlement Corps to screen dependants of members of that corps who are in the British Zone of GERMANY. G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine.
22. It was agreed that G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine would request the War Office to recall any officers of 2 Polish Corps who may at present be employed in collecting dependants in GERMANY. G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine.
23. After acceptance and issue of Form 223X these dependants will be accepted into the Polish Families Camp (see para 2, below.)
24. Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons Division, Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element) agreed to concentrate all possible eligible dependants into Displaced Persons camps in the Polish Armoured Divisional area, it being clearly understood that such movement in NO way implies final acceptance as dependants. Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons Division.
25. It was agreed that 'Q', Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine would request War Office authority for the issue of rations to these accepted dependants on the scale already approved for issue to dependants of the Polish Armed Forces in GERMANY. Q, Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine.

ORGANISATION REQUIRED TO ADMINISTER POLES REMAINING IN GERMANY

26. It was agreed that a Polish organisation would be required in GERMANY to administer the remaining Poles and accepted eligible dependants after Headquarters, 1 Polish Armoured Division becomes non operative.
27. It was agreed that the following organisations, staffed from Polish resources already in this theatre, would be established by 21 February 1947, interarrangements to be made by Headquarters, 1 British Corps District. Headquarters, 1 British Corps District.



Headquarters Polish Administrative Staff  
GERMANY



28. It was agreed that A(Org), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine would approach the British Red Cross Society, through Allied Liaison Branch, Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element), with a view to their assisting in running the Polish Families Camp. A(Org), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine.
29. It was agreed that Headquarters, 1 British Corps District would submit detailed proposals for:- Headquarters, 1 British Corps District
- (a) The war establishments.  
(b) The locations.

of this organisation to G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine by 7 February 1947.

30. It was agreed that 4 Liaison Headquarters would be accredited to this organisation which would remain under command Headquarters, 1 British Corps District.

MOVE OF POLISH UNITS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

31. It was agreed that Headquarters, 1 British Corps District would forward to G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine by 7 February 1947, 50 copies of a phased movement table for the move of volunteers of 1 Polish Armoured Division and 1 Polish Parachute Brigade in accordance with the pro forma given at Annexure IV to Appendix A to BMI to BAOR/39030/G(SD) 2a) dated 21 January 1947. Movement will be based on the following rate per flight:- Headquarters, 1 British Corps District.

(a) 3,800 all ranks - 1 Polish Armoured Division

(b) 1,000 all ranks - 1 Polish Parachute Brigade

and the assumption that NO advance or rear parties will be required.

32. It was agreed that Headquarters, 1 British Corps District would forward to G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine by 7 February 1947, their plan for the handing in of vehicles and equipment and the handing over of accommodation. Headquarters, 1 British Corps District.

33. It was agreed that Q(M), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine would call forward the vehicles required in the United Kingdom by the Polish Resettlement Corps (Annexure III to Appendix A to BMI to BAOR/39030 G(SD) 2a) dated 21 January 1947 refers) direct, as shipping becomes available. The arrangements laid down in paragraphs 4 to 9 and 11 to 14 above will be Q(M) Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine



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be strictly adhered to under arrangements of 4 Liaison Headquarters if any personnel move with these vehicles.

4 Liaison  
Headquarters

34.

It was agreed that executive orders for the movement of units of the Polish Armed Forces will be issued by G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine in conjunction with Q(M), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine as shipping availabilities are notified.

G(SD),  
Headquarters,  
British Army  
of the Rhine.

DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY

35.

It was agreed that the division of responsibility to implement paragraphs 7, 8, 11, 12 and 31 to 34, above would be as follows:-

- (a) Before volunteers get into the train for movement to port of embarkation - 1 British Corps District.
- (b) For movement to port of embarkation, embarkation and journey to the United Kingdom - Q(M), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine.
- (c) For checking volunteers at port of embarkation - 4 Liaison Headquarters.

LEAVE OF POLES TO GERMANY

36.

It was agreed that A(PS), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine in conjunction with G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine would advise the War Office of the inadvisability of Poles being granted leave to GERMANY.

A(PS) and G(SD)  
Headquarters,  
British Army  
of the Rhine.

POLISH WELFARE

37.

It was agreed that as far as possible Welfare, Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine would assist the Polish Armed Forces and the Polish Administrative Staff GERMANY with supplies of Welfare equipment.

Welfare,  
Headquarters,  
British Army  
of the Rhine.

DISPOSAL OF EVENTUAL RESIDUE OF POLES

38.

It was agreed that G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine would take up with the War Office the ultimate disposal of the following types of Poles:-

G(SD),  
Headquarters,  
British Army  
of the Rhine.

- (a) Members of the Polish Armed Forces ineligible to join the Polish Resettlement Corps and NOT desirous of repatriation to POLAND.
- (b) Members of the Polish Armed Forces eligible to join the Polish Resettlement Corps but neither opting to join this corps nor to be repatriated to POLAND.
- (c) Members of the Polish Armed Forces who wish to settle in GERMANY.



ACTION BYREVISED WAR ESTABLISHMENT - 4 LIAISON HEADQUARTERS

39.

It was agreed that 4 Liaison Headquarters would submit to G(SD), Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine through Headquarters 1 British Corps District by 7 February 1947, proposals for a revised war establishment based on its new responsibilities.

4 Liaison Headquarters.  
  
Headquarters,  
1 British Corps District.

SECURITY GRADING

40.

This subject will now be considered as "unclassified" except for the procedure of documentation and checking at port of embarkation as given in paragraphs 7, 8, 11 and 12 above which will remain TOP SECRET.


NEXT MEETING

41.

It was agreed that a further meeting would be held on Wednesday 12 February 1947 at 1030 hours in Chief of Staff's Conference Room, BAD OBYN-HAUSM to co-ordinate the decisions reached at this meeting.

G(SD)  
Headquarters,  
British Army of  
the Rhine.

31 January 1947

  
Maj GS  
Secretary

Copy to: All present

Zonal Executive Offices  
Control Commission For GERMANY (British Element)

Secretariat	(3)
Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons Division	(3)
Intelligence Division	(3)
Finance Division	(2)
Allied Liaison Branch	(3)
Public Safety Branch	(2)

Headquarters 1 British Corps District	(20)
Headquarters HAMBURG District	(5)
4 Liaison Headquarters	(10)

Headquarters British Army of the Rhine:

SG to Chief of Staff	Q(M)	(5)
IA to IGA	FA	
FA to DGS	Med	
G(Ops)	SE	
G(Int)	Welfare	
A(Org)	G(SDO 1)	
A(IP Denob)	G(SDO 3)	
A(PS)	G(SDW)	
Q		(9)



FORM A

Appendix 'A' to  
BM1 to DAOR/39030/  
C(3DO 2a) dated  
31 January 1947

Form to be signed by Polish personnel  
Zobowiązanie które winno być podpisane przez żołnierzy

of 1 Polish Armoured Division, 1 Polish Parachute Brigade  
1 Polskiej Dywizji Pancerniej, 1 Polskiej Brygady Spadochronowej

and attached troops before moving from Germany to the  
i przydzielonych oddziałów przed przeniesieniem z Niemiec do

United Kingdom  
Zjednoczonego Królestwa

I, the undersigned, undertake to :

volunteer for a Commission in      The Polish Resettlement  
enlist in      Corps

Ja, niżej podpisany zobowiązuję się do ochotniczej służby w polskim  
Korpusie Przysposobienia i Rozmieszczenia

on being offered the opportunity of doing so after my arrival in the  
United Kingdom, on the understanding that I do not thereby in any way  
prejudice my chance of being repatriated to Poland should I wish to  
return there.

gdy mi to zostanie zaproponowane po przybyciu do Zjednoczonego Królestwa,  
rozumiem że to w żadnym wypadku nie zmniejsza moich możliwości powrotu  
do Polski, gdyby tego pragnął.

Name ..... Rank ..... Number .....  
Nazwisko      Stopień      Numer

Signature .....  
Podpis

Unit .....  
Oddział

Formation .....  
Jednostka

Date .....  
Data



RETURN SHOWING POLES WHO HAVE ELECTED TO  
JOIN THE POLISH RESETTLEMENT CORPS OR TO BE  
REPATRIATED TO POLAND

Appendix 'B' to  
BM1 to  
BAOR/39030/G(SDO 2a)  
dated 31 January 1947



RETURN OF ESTIMATED NOS DEFENDANTS WHOSE ELIGIBILITY  
IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION

Appendix 'C'  
to BM1 to  
BAOR/39039/e (SDO 2a)  
dated 31 January 1947



Appendix 'D' to  
BM1 to BAOR/39030/  
G(SDO 2a)  
dated 31 January 1947



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Subject: SURVEILLANCE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
IN THE BRITISH ZONE.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT H.Q. INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
ON 15th JANUARY 1947

Present:

Mr. J.M. LIUDZIUS	-	C2(b) HQ. Int. Div.
(Chairman)		
Major YOUNGSON	-	G Int. H.Q. B.A.O.R.
Mr. BAGNALL-OAKLEY	-	R.D.R. Division.
Capt. M.C. WEBSTER	-	C2(b) HQ. Int. Div.

NOTE: Allied Liaison Branch and P.W.D.P. Division  
had been invited to send representatives but  
had not in fact done so.

OBJECT OF MEETING.

1. The Chairman opened the Meeting by quoting from HQ. Int. Div. letter, ref. C2(b)/5805/1 of 2 Jan 47 and explained that the object of the meeting was to look into the question of checking further on the activities of Foreign Missions in the British Zone.
2. He expressed regret at the absence of representation from Allied Liaison Branch and P.W.D.P. Division. He considered that as a result the present meeting would now only be in a position to make general recommendations which would need to be submitted for the approval of affected Divisions/Branches, with a consequent loss of time.
3. The Chairman then suggested that the best method of considering the problem on hand would be to categorise Foreign Missions and Teams as either:

(a) Semi-Permanent Missions, or

(b) Temporary or Roving Missions,

and to deal with these two categories separately.

This suggestion was approved by the Meeting.

SEMI-PERMANENT MISSIONS.

4. Compilation of location list.

It was decided that in order to have a real grasp of the size of the problem, H.Q. Intelligence Division should compile complete and up-to-date lists of all residences and locations of foreign Missions. These lists would then be forwarded to Intelligence Units on the ground with instructions to check the details and report whether they are accurate and at the same time to notify H.Q. Intelligence Division of any new or suspected locations of premises occupied by Foreign Missions. These

lists should be amended or altered as required and the appropriate Divisions should be advised to inform H.Q. Intelligence Division of such alterations.

5. R.D.R. Division representative submitted to the Chairman his complete list of semi-permanent Missions and stated that no R.D.R. Mission is allowed to exceed four officers on H.Q. Staff, with the exception of the FRENCH Mission, the strength of which is seven officers.
6. The Chairman undertook to contact Allied Liaison Branch in order to obtain their lists.

#### CONTROL OF MOVEMENT.

7. G(Int) BAOR proposed that instructions should be issued to the effect that members of Foreign Missions should not be allowed to move outside a radius of ten kilometers from their town of location without being in possession of a movement order issued by Allied Liaison Branch in the case of Missions in the BAD SALZUFLEN Area and in respect of Missions located outside Bad Salzufen by an authority to be named by Allied Liaison Branch. The movement order must state the place, date, purpose and duration of visit. This should apply to leave as well as duty and to O.Rs as well as officers. In case of emergency, Missions could send members beyond the permitted radius, provided that the incident is reported within forty-eight hours.
8. It was agreed that this recommendation should be referred to Allied Liaison Branch for comments.

#### MISSION VEHICLES - IDENTIFICATION LETTERING.

9. It was recommended that Foreign Mission cars should bear prominent signs of identification. Suggested form is a white band stretching round the sides of the vehicle with bold red lettering stating the nationality and nature of the Mission (e.g. DANISH MILITARY MISSION, BRITISH ZONE).

#### SIGNSBOARDS.

10. It was recommended that all Mission premises should exhibit standard-size signboards, stating nationality and nature of Mission.

#### CONSULATES.

11. The Chairman submitted that a check should be kept on the location of Consulates and their personalities. It was agreed, however, that no restrictions could be imposed upon Consulate personnel, such as those suggested in paras. 7-10 in respect of Foreign Missions.

#### TEMPORARY OR ROVING MISSIONS.

12. The following principles were agreed by the Meeting:-
  - (a) Temporary or Roving Missions could not be subjected to the same restrictions as Semi-permanent Missions.
  - (b) As far as can be ascertained at the moment, the only Missions which could be classed as "Temporary or Roving" are R.D.R. Teams which all come within R.D.R. Division orbit.



- (c) "T" Force has a number of conducting officers (up to 30) available for escorting R.D.R. Roving Teams, but this number does not suffice to cover all such teams.

(NOTE: There were 47 R.D.R. "Roving Teams" in operation at one time during the present month and the number is still approximately the same).

13. The Meeting decided that the "T" Force conducting officers constitute the best available check for Roving Missions and recommended that R.D.R. Division request "T" Force to allocate Conducting Officers to Teams in the following order of priority of nations:-

1. RUSSIAN
2. POLISH
3. YUGOSLAV
4. ALBANIAN
5. CZECH
6. DUTCH
7. FRENCH
8. GREEK
9. BELGIAN )
10. LUXEMBOURG )
11. DANISH
12. NORWEGIAN.

14. The Chairman stated that a brief had been prepared for "T" Force Conducting Officers by H.Q. Intelligence Division. Neither G(Int) BAOR nor Intelligence Division have seen any reports based on this brief, and "T" Force should be requested to ensure that these are circulated to Conducting Officers and that two copies of the subsequent reports are submitted to Intelligence Division and one to G(Int) BAOR.

#### GENERAL

15. It was recommended that when the suggestions put forward by this Meeting have been considered by the appropriate Divisions and finalised, instructions should be issued through Rhine Army channels to troops and by H.Q. Intelligence Division to Intelligence Units to ensure that adequate checks are carried out.

#### CONCLUSION

16. The Meeting further recommended that:-

- (a) Up-to-date lists of Missions should be submitted to H.Q. Intelligence Division by 22nd January by Allied Liaison Branch.
- (b) That the proposals contained in these Minutes be considered by the appropriate Branches not present at the Meeting and that they submit their comments to H.Q. Intelligence Division not later than 25th January 1947.

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SUBJECT: Move to United Kingdom of 1 Polish  
Armoured Division and 1 Polish  
Parachute Brigade

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Zonal Executive Offices,  
 Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element)  
 Secretariat  
 DP/PW Division ✓  
 Intelligence Division  
 Finance Division  
 Allied Liaison Branch

BMI to BAOR/39030/G(SDO 2a)

21 January 1947

1. Instructions have now been received from the War Office to plan for the move to the United Kingdom of volunteers from 1 Polish Armoured Division and 1 Polish Parachute Brigade to join the Polish Resettlement Corps to begin on 1 March 1947.

2. Appendix 'A' attached gives the detailed conditions under which these Poles and their eligible dependants are to be moved to the United Kingdom.

3. A meeting will be held in the Chief of Staffs Conference Room, Hotel Konigshof, BAD OEYNHAUSEN at 1430 hours on Monday 27 January 1947 to discuss the following agenda:-

- (a) the procedure to be adopted in Rhine Army to ensure compliance with the War Office orders detailed in Appendix 'A' attached.
- (b) phased programme for the move of formations and units of 1 Polish Armoured Division and 1 Polish Parachute Brigade.
- (c) the arrangements necessary to maintain and administer the eligible dependants in this theatre with special reference to the respective responsibilities of Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine and Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element) and those members of the Polish Armed Forces ineligible to move to United Kingdom.

4. It is NOT intended to invite any Polish representatives to this meeting.

5. Colonel GS(SD) Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine will be in the chair, it is requested that you arrange to be represented.

Extension 2508  
 Headquarters,  
 British Army of the Rhine  
 BAOR  
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*I.H. Freeland*  
 (I.H. FREELAND)  
 Major General  
 Chief of Staff.

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4 Liaison Headquarters } represented

Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine

G(Ops)	(2)	}	who are requested to be represented. A(Org) and Q are requested to invite such service representa- tives as they may desire to be in attendance.
G(Int)	(2)		
A(Org)	(10)		
A(MP-Demob)	(2)		
Q	(9)		
Q(M)	(4)		
G(SDW)			



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Appendix 'A' to  
BMI to DAOH/39030/G(SDO 2a)  
dated 27 January 1947

MOVE TO UNITED KINGDOM OF 1 POLISH  
ARMoured DIVISION AND 1 POLISH  
PARACHUTE BRIGADE

OBJECT

1. The object of this paper is to summarise the War Office instruction for the move to United Kingdom of personnel of the Polish Armed Forces in GERMANY volunteering to join the Polish Resettlement Corps (PRC) and at a later date the move of such of their dependants as may be eligible.

INTRODUCTION

2. Since the move of 2 Polish Corps from ITALY resulted in the arrival in United Kingdom of:-

- (a) a large number of undesirable characters both male and female
- (b) approximately 7000 Poles who will neither join the PRC nor be repatriated to POLAND.

War Office have laid down definite conditions under which members of the Polish Armed Forces in GERMANY and their eligible dependants will be moved to United Kingdom in order to avoid a repetition of these incidents.

ELIGIBILITY - MEMBERS POLISH ARMED FORCES

3. Only those Poles who enlisted in the Polish Armed Forces serving under British command before 31 May 1945 are eligible to volunteer to enlist in PRC. It is, however, anticipated that a special concession will be granted to this theatre to enable up to 1000 Poles who were enlisted between 1 June 1945 and 12 October 1945 to volunteer to join the PRC. NO Pole who married a German national after 3 September 1939 is eligible.

4. War Office Memorandum SD2/BM/9027 of 2 January 1947 (copy attached at Annexure 'I') gives the procedure whereby each individual Pole must sign his intention of joining the PRC before embarkation.

ELIGIBILITY - DEPENDANTS

5. War Office Memorandum SD2/BM/9027 of 10 January 1947 (copy attached at Annexure 'II') gives details of the dependants eligible to join their husbands etc at a later date and the method to be adopted for their documentation.

OUTLINE PLAN FOR MOVE TO UNITED KINGDOM

6. Planning date for the move of the volunteers from the Polish Armed Forces to United Kingdom is 1 March 1947. Movement will be at the rate of:-



- (a) 1 Polish Armoured Division - 4000 per month to Southern Command
- (b) 1 Polish Parachute Brigade - 1000 per month to Northern Command

7. Owing to accommodation difficulties in United Kingdom NO move of dependants is expected before 1 April 1947 and then only the dependants of those personnel who are already in the United Kingdom.

8. Formations and units will move by shipping returning to the United Kingdom from repatriating Poles from the United Kingdom to POLAND. NO firm dates or capacities are yet known.

9. Formations and units will move with personal arms and equipment, unit cooking equipment, office machinery, such technical, and mechanical vehicles as are detailed in Annexure 'III' attached, plus unit property.

10. Until firm capacities of ships are known it is NOT possible to state how much baggage may accompany personnel embarking but it is expected that scales will be similar to present personnel movement scales (65 lbs per person), and that the remainder of the baggage will have to be shipped by Military Forwarding Officer.

11. A suggested phased movement table by flights is given at Annexure IV' attached.

#### REPATRIATION OF POLES TO POLAND EX MIDDLE EAST LAND FORCES

12. This theatre has accepted the commitment of repatriating through GERMANY approximately 1000 Poles and 500 Polish prisoners of war at present in Middle East Land Forces. These Poles will NOT arrive in this theatre until such time as the clearance of the Poles already in GERMANY has been completed.

#### STATUS OF DEPENDANTS

13. At present dependants of members of 1 Polish Armoured Division and 1 Polish Parachute Brigade have the status of Displaced Persons. It is considered that those eligible to be moved to the United Kingdom should now be screened, correctly documented and accepted as a Rhine Army commitment. It is suggested that those dependants should be concentrated at QUACENBURCK and administered by the Relief Society for Poles under the command of the Polish Administration Organisation envisaged in paragraph 14 below.

17 Ambros  
- Some  
dependants  
Independent  
relationship

#### MAINTENANCE OF POLES REMAINING IN RHINE ARMY AFTER MOVE OF VOLUNTEERS

14. With the removal of 1 Polish Armoured Division and 1 Polish Parachute Brigade it will become essential to set up some form of Polish Administration Staff in GERMANY to administer and maintain:-

1+2+3. (a) those Poles who elect neither to join the PRC nor to be repatriated to POLAND.

Holding Unit (b) Poles awaiting repatriation to POLAND or other countries.

+ 400 irregulars  
+ irregular dependants

9. 11. (c) Poles arriving from Middle East Land Forces and awaiting repatriation to POLAND.

Dependants Camp (d) dependants eligible to move to the United Kingdom (in conjunction with the Relief Society for Poles)

as per para 5(1+2)



15. A suggested outline organisation for such a staff is given in Annexure "V" attached.

16. It is proposed that the staff for this organisation should be found from volunteers to join the PRC who have their dependants in GERMANY. It is clearly undesirable to use transit or recalcitrant Poles for the staff.

17. It is considered that this Polish Administrative Staff should be set up in the vicinity of QUACKENBRUCK.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

18. It is recommended that:-

- (a) The phased movement table at Annexure 'IV' be accepted as a firm planning basis for the move of the Polish Armed Forces to the United Kingdom.
- (b) that the proposals contained in Annexure 'V' be accepted and War Office approval in principle to the establishment of this Polish Administrative Staff be obtained forthwith.



ANNEXURE I

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THE WAR OFFICE,

WHITEHALL,

S.W. 1.

2 January 1947

SD2/BM/9027

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: - Move of Polish troops from Germany to UK

1. It has been decided that those members of the Polish forces under your command who are eligible and willing to enlist in the Polish Resettlement Corps shall be moved to the United Kingdom as soon as is convenient.
2. Owing to the postponement of the move of those Polish troops it is necessary to re-examine the questions of accommodation in, and movement to, the United Kingdom. This re-examination is in progress and detailed instructions about the move will be issued in due course.
3. In the meantime you are requested to ensure that two copies of the proforma attached at Appendix 'A' are given to all Polish personnel under your command. On completion both copies will be returned by the individual to you, of which one will be stamped with a British official stamp and returned by you to the individual for his/her retention, and the second retained by you.
4. The copy retained by the individual will be shown on embarkation in Germany and on disembarkation in the United Kingdom and no Polish personnel not in possession of a correctly stamped certificate will be allowed to embark in Germany or disembark in the United Kingdom.
5. The second copy will be retained by you until the move is completed and will serve as evidence of the individual's bona fide intentions in case the copy retained by the individual is lost.
6. It is requested that you will :
  - (a) issue two copies of the proforma to all Polish personnel under your command;
  - (b) ensure that the British authorities at the port of embarkation in Germany are made aware of the details in para 4 above and arrange to carry out the necessary checks;
  - (c) forward 100 specimen stamped certificates to the War Office (DSD) so that the necessary arrangements for examination at the port of disembarkation in the United Kingdom can be made;
  - (d) inform the War Office (DSD) as early as possible:
    - (i) of the number of certificates which have been completed as well as any subsequent adjustments to the original number;
    - (ii) of the number of those who having been invited to sign the certificate refuse to do so while still remaining unwilling to return to Poland;

/(e) emphasise .....



- (e) emphasise to all Polish personnel under your command that failure to complete the certificates and return them to you will debar them from coming to the United Kingdom.

(SGD) ???????????

for Major General,  
Director of Staff Duties

Headquarters,  
British Army of the Rhine G(SD) (20)

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Appendix 'A'

Proforma of undertaking to be signed by Polish personnel  
of 1 Polish Armoured Division, 1 Polish Parachute Brigade  
and attached troops before moving from Germany to the  
United Kingdom.

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I, the undersigned, undertake to:

\* volunteer for a Commission in  
enlist in

The Polish Resettlement Corps,

on being offered the opportunity of doing so after my arrival in the  
United Kingdom, on the understanding that I do not thereby in anyway  
prejudice my chance of being repatriated to Poland should I wish to  
return there.

Signature .....

Unit .....

Formation .....

Date .....

\* Delete whichever is not applicable.



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THE WAR OFFICE,

WHITEHALL,

S.W.1.

SD 2/BM/9027

10 January 1947

MEMORANDUMSUBJECT: - Move of Polish Dependants from BAOR

1. It has been decided that as a first step in the movement of dependants of members of the Polish Armed Forces and of the Polish Resettlement Corps, the following categories will be moved to the United Kingdom as soon as it is administratively possible to arrange to do so :-

- (a) Wives of those members of the Polish Armed Forces under your command who are eligible (SD2/BM/9027 dated 2 Jan 47 refers) and wish to move to the United Kingdom.
- (b) Wives, now in the British Zone of Germany, of members of the Polish Resettlement Corps.
- (c) Children of members of the Polish Resettlement Corps and of members of the Polish Armed Forces under your command and eligible to move to the United Kingdom provided :
  - (i) they were under 21 years of age on 1st January 1947;
  - (ii) They are single.

NOTE In no circumstances will the wife of a Pole who before her marriage was a German subject and whose marriage took place on or after 3rd September, 1939, be admitted to the United Kingdom.

2. In addition, civilians attached to the Polish Armed Forces under your command may be moved to the United Kingdom provided that :-

- (a) they are members of Polish Educational, Welfare or Medical organisations, and their services are no longer required locally;

and (b) they either joined such organisations in the United Kingdom or were despatched from the United Kingdom to join such organisations in Europe.

Since all such persons should, as civilians, have been registered under the Aliens Order while they were in the United Kingdom they should be in possession of a Certificate of Registration issued to them by the police in this country. They must be prepared to produce this certificate before being moved to the United Kingdom. If any person who claims to fall in the above category cannot produce his Police Registration Certificate, his full name should be forwarded to the War Office with information about the date on which he left the United Kingdom so that an enquiry may be made about the authenticity of his claim.

3. All persons referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 must, before being moved to the United Kingdom, also be in possession of the special identity certificate for Police dependants (Form 223X) duly counter-signed by an officer of H.M. Forces.

4. It is requested that you will inform the War Office as to the number of persons involved in the terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 above. These should be shown by categories and in the case of those mentioned in paragraphs 1(c) and 2 above as male or female.

/5. No .....



5. No decision as to other classes of dependants has yet been reached but consideration is being given to the following categories :-

- (a) Father (i) of man  
(ii) of wife
  - (b) Mother (i) of man  
(ii) of wife
  - (c) Grandfather (i) of man  
(ii) of wife
  - (d) Grandmother (i) of man  
(ii) of wife
  - (e) Brother (i) of man  
(ii) of wife
  - (f) Sister (i) of man  
(ii) of wife
  - (g) Widow of former member of Polish Land Forces under British Command.
  - (h) Child under 21 years of age of deceased member of Polish Land Forces under British Command.
- } provided that they are under 21 years of age and single.

NOTE The above categories are applicable to relatives of Polish nationality of members of the Polish Armed Forces under your command who are eligible and willing to move to the United Kingdom, and to relatives of Polish nationality of members of the Polish Resettlement Corps.

6. Before any final decision can be reached it is necessary that we should know the number of persons involved in each category and it is therefore requested that you will forward this information with the least possible delay. Should you find it necessary to consult Polish authorities to obtain this information you may do so but you should make it perfectly clear that this does not by any means necessarily imply that approval will be given for the move to the U.K. of all or any of these categories.

(SGD) L.O. LYNE.

Major General,  
Director of Staff Duties

Headquarters,  
British Army of the Rhine.

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Annexure III to  
Appendix 'A' to  
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dated: January 1947

MECHANICAL AND TECHNICAL VEHICLES TO  
ACCOMPANY POLISH ARMED FORCES TO THE  
UNITED KINGDOM

Serial (a)	Type (b)	Totals held by		Remarks (e)
		1 Polish Armoured Division (c)	1 Polish Parachute Brigade (d)	
	<u>CARS</u>			
1	4 x 2 heavy utility Type 'T'	-	1	
2	Ford			
	<u>TRUCKS 15 cwt</u>			
3	4 x 2 Compressor - Morris	7	-	
4	4 x 2 Machinery Type 'K'	6	-	
	light - Ford			
5	4 x 2 Machinery Type 'K'	1	-	
	light - other makes			
6	4 x 4 Machinery Type 'K'	1	-	
	light - Chevrolet			
7	4 x 4 Machinery Type 'K'	2	-	
	light - Ford			
8	4 x 2 Machinery Type 'T'	1	-	
	Mark I - Morris			
9	4 x 2 Wrls - Morris	16	4	
	<u>LORRIES 3 TON</u>			
10	4 x 4 Cipher Office - Bedford	2	-	
11	4 x 4 Command low powered - Bedford	1	-	
12	4 x 4 Command LP (Type 'A')	-	1	
	19 HP - Bedford			
13	4 x 4 Machinery instrument repair - Ford	2	-	
14	4 x 4 Machinery 24 KW RE - Ford	1	-	
15	4 x 4 Machinery Type I - Albion	1	-	
16	4 x 4 Machinery Type DI - Ford	-	1	
17	4 x 4 Machinery Type F - Ford	-	1	
18	6 x 4 Machinery Type I - Leyland	1	-	
19	4 x 4 Machinery Type I30 - Albion	4	-	
20	4 x 4 Machinery Type I30 - Ford	10	-	
21	4 x 4 Machinery Type J - Albion	1	-	
22	4 x 4 Machinery Type J - Ford	1	-	
23	4 x 4 Machinery Type J - other makes	1	-	
24	6 x 4 Machinery Type J - Leyland	1	-	
25	4 x 4 Machinery Type M - Albion	1	-	



Serial (a)	Type (b)	Totals held by		Remarks (e)
		1 Polish Armoured Division (c)	1 Polish Parachute Brigade (d)	
	<u>LORRIES 3 TON (CONTINUED)</u>			
26	6 x 4 Machinery Type M - Leyland	2	-	
27	6 x 4 Machinery Type M - other makes	1	-	
28	6 x 4 Machinery Type X - Albion	1	-	
29	6 x 4 Machinery Type X - Leyland	1	-	
30	4 x 2 Workshop RASC - Bedford	5	2	
31	4 x 4 Workshop RASC - Ford	1	-	
32	6 x 4 Breakdown Gantry - Austin	5	3	
	<u>TRACTORS</u>			
33	6 x 4 Breakdown Heavy - Scammell	1	-	
34	4 x 4 Field Artillery (Modified for 17 pdr) - Ford	5	-	
35	4 x 4 Field Artillery (Modified for 17 pdr) - Morris	25	-	
	<u>TRAILERS 10 CWT</u>			
36	2 wheeled generators	13	-	
	6 KVA Power - All makes			
37	2 wheeled mortar 4.2 inch All makes	4	-	
38	2 wheeled mortar 4.2 inch own - All makes	2	-	
	<u>TRAILERS 1 TON</u>			
39	2 wheeled machinery gas welding	1	-	
	<u>TRAILERS 2 TON</u>			
40	4 wheeled workshop ser- vicing electric heavy - All makes	3	-	
41	4 wheeled workshop ser- vicing petrol light - All makes	4	-	
42	4 wheeled workshop ser- vicing petrol heavy - All makes	6	-	



PHASED MOVEMENT TABLE 1 POLISH PARA BDE

ANNEXURE IV

Serial (a)	Fm or Unit (b)	FLT A				FLT B		FLT C		FLT D		TOTAL		Remarks (n)
		Oftrs (c)	OR (d)	Oftrs (e)	OR (f)	Oftrs (g)	OR (h)	Oftrs (j)	OR (k)	Oftrs (l)	OR (m)			
1	HQ 1 Polish Para Bde Gp	5	30	10	30	10	40	5	21	30	121			
2	1 Polish Para Bde Def Pl	1	23	-	-	-	-	1	23	2	46			
3	FS Sec	-	-	1	18	-	-	-	-	1	18			
4	Airlbg Lt bty	3	20	-	-	5	140	1	17	9	177			
5	Airlbg A tk bty	2	20	5	120	1	26	-	-	8	166			
6	Para Sqn Engrs	5	100	5	92	-	-	-	-	10	192			
7	Para Bde Sigs	6	100	5	50	-	-	5	51	16	201			
8	1 Para Bn	28	500	1	16	-	-	-	-	29	516			
9	2 Para Ln	3	30	27	470	1	19	-	-	31	519			
10	3 Para Bn	-	-	3	30	30	440	1	23	34	493			
11	LT Coy	3	30	2	75	5	170	4	60	14	335			
12	Para Fd Amb	1	5	1	4	1	14	5	119	8	142			
13	Ord Fd PE Sec	1	10	1	20	-	-	1	11	3	41			
14	Para Bde Wksp	1	5	-	-	1	73	-	-	2	78			
15	1 Airlbg LAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	1	12			
16	2 Airlbg LAD	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	1	14			
17	Fd Jash Ofrcce	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2			
18	Para Bde Pro Coy	-	20	-	-	-	-	1	36	1	66			
19	Para Pde Postal Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	1	24			
20	Brass Band Pl	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38			
21	Propaganda and Welfare Unit	-	-	-	-	6	18	-	-	6	18			
22	Fd Gen Court Martial Unit	-	-	4	10	-	-	-	-	4	10			
	Totals	59	941	65	935	60	940	28	413	212	3229			



PHASED MOVEMENT TABLE 1 POLISH ARMED DIV

Serial (a)	Fmn or Unit (b)	FLT A		FLT B		FLT C		FLT D		TOTAL		Remarks (n)
		Offrs (c)	OR (d)	Offrs (e)	OR (f)	Offrs (g)	OR (h)	Offrs (j)	OR (k)	Offrs (l)	OR (m)	
1	HQ 1 Arm'd Div	10	50	10	70	30	120	4	23	54	263	
2	1 Arm'd Div Def & Emp Pl	-	30	-	-	-	-	1	44	1	74	
3	HQ 10 Arm'd Bde	5	40	10	80	3	20	2	25	20	165	
4	1 Arm'd Regt	36	430	3	34	-	-	-	-	39	464	
5	2 Arm'd Regt	-	-	3	30	34	486	3	30	40	546	
6	24 Arm'd (L) Regt	3	30	38	484	3	30	-	-	44	544	
7	10 Arm'd Recce Regt	-	-	-	-	3	30	36	480	39	510	
8	1 Fwd Del Sqn	-	-	-	-	2	20	2	67	4	87	
9	Polish Wing RAC Trg Centre	2	20	10	65	-	-	-	-	12	85	
10	HQ 1 Arm'd Div Arty	3	10	5	20	2	14	-	-	10	44	
11	1 Fd Regt (SP)	39	504	3	30	-	-	-	-	42	534	
12	2 Fd Regt	-	-	-	-	3	30	38	455	41	485	
13	1 A Tk Regt	3	30	29	552	3	30	-	-	35	612	
14	1 LAA Regt	-	-	3	30	28	415	3	30	34	475	
15	1 Arm'd Div CBO Staff	3	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	19	
16	HQ 1 Arm'd Div Engrs	3	11	3	11	-	-	-	-	6	22	
17	10 Fd Sqn	2	30	2	70	2	70	1	59	7	229	
18	11 Fd Sqn	3	30	2	70	2	70	1	40	8	210	
19	1 Fd Pk Sqn	2	20	2	40	1	31	-	-	5	91	
20	Div Br Tps Engrs	-	-	1	25	-	-	-	-	1	25	
21	1 Arm'd Div Sigs	15	150	10	250	5	200	8	46	38	646	
22	HQ 3 Inf Bde	5	15	6	15	5	15	3	10	19	55	
23	3 Inf Bde Gd Def Pl	-	12	-	-	-	-	1	13	1	25	
24	1 Inf Bn	37	608	3	30	-	-	-	-	40	638	
25	8 Inf Bn	-	-	-	-	3	30	36	613	39	643	
26	9 Inf Bn	3	30	28	533	3	30	-	-	34	593	
27	1 Mot Bn	-	-	3	30	31	511	3	30	37	571	
28	Arm'd Div MG Coy	-	-	-	-	2	20	8	162	10	182	
29	HQ Comd Arm'd Div S & T	2	10	-	-	-	-	5	13	7	23	
30	10 Arm'd Bde Coy	3	30	3	120	3	132	2	40	11	322	
31	3 Inf Bde Coy	2	30	3	100	3	104	2	40	10	274	
32	2 Inf Bde Tp & Pl	2	30	2	90	3	100	2	40	9	260	
33	Arm'd Div Tps Coy	3	30	3	80	3	87	2	40	11	237	
34	10 Lt Fd Amb	-	-	-	-	2	35	9	100	11	135	
35	11 Fd Amb	-	-	-	-	2	24	8	100	10	124	
36	FDS	-	-	-	-	2	20	2	51	4	71	
37	1 Fd Hyg Sec	-	-	1	18	-	-	-	-	1	18	
38	1 Arm'd Div Ord Fd Pk	-	-	1	10	1	33	2	23	4	66	
39	HQ 1 Arm'd Div EME	1	5	-	-	-	-	3	6	4	11	



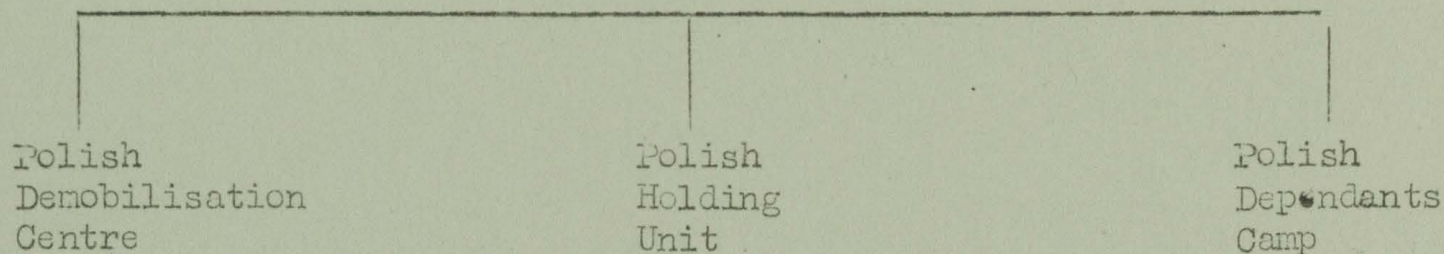
Serial (c)	Fmn or Unit (b)	FLT A		FLT B		FLT C		FLT D		TOTAL		Remarks (n)
		Offrs (e)	OR (d)	Offrs (e)	OR (f)	Offrs (g)	OR (h)	Offrs (j)	OR (k)	Offrs (i)	OR (m)	
40	10 Armd Bde Wksp Coy	3	30	3	80	3	79	2	30	11	219	
41	3 Inf Bde Wksp Coy	3	30	3	45	3	52	3	30	12	157	
42	LAD for HQ 1 Armd Div	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	12	
43	LAD for HQ 3 Inf Bde	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	12	
44	LAD for 1 Armd Regt	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	
45	LAD for 2 Armd Regt	-	-	-	-	1	18	-	-	1	18	
46	LAD for 24 Armd Regt	-	-	1	16	-	-	-	-	1	16	
47	LAD for 10 Armd Recco Regt	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	21	1	21	
48	LAD att 1 Fd Regt	1	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	29	
49	LAD att 2 Fd Regt	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	13	1	13	
50	LAD att 1 A Tk Regt	-	-	1	42	-	-	-	-	1	42	
51	LAD att 1 LAA Regt	-	-	-	-	1	34	-	-	1	34	
52	LAD att 1 Fd Pk Sqn	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	11	
53	LAD att 1 Armd Div Sigs	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	1	15	
54	LAD att 1 Mot Bn	-	-	-	-	1	8	-	-	1	8	
55	Fwd Pay Base	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	2	5	
56	Div Cashier	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	
57	1 Armd Div Pro Coy	1	40	-	10	-	10	2	51	3	111	
58	1 Armd Div Postal Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	19	3	19	
59	1 Armd Div PS Sec	-	-	-	-	3	17	-	-	3	17	
60	Fd Gen Court Martial Unit	-	-	6	12	-	-	-	-	6	12	
61	Propaganda and Welfare Unit	27	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	32	
62	Liaison Sec GHQ 2 Ech	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	12	2	12	
63	1 RHU	3	30	45	183	3	30	-	-	51	243	
	Totals	225	2419	246	3286	199	2979	205	2778	875	11462	
		2644		3532		3178		2983		12337		



Annexure 'Y' to  
BMI to BAOR/39030/G(SDO 2a)  
dated 21 January 1947

OUTLINE ORGANISATION FOR POLISH  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF BRITISH  
ARMY OF THE RHINE

Headquarters, Polish Administrative Staff





TOP SECRET

Subject:- Search of Voerde Camp.

917/SET/TS/15  
Copy No 2.

To:- Deputy Regional Commissioner (3 copies)  
HQ Mil Gov  
Land North Rhine - Westphalia  
DUSSELDORF  
714 HQ G.C.G. (BE)  
B.A.O.R.

From:- HQ Mil Gov RB Arnsberg  
917 HQ G.C.G. (BE)  
B.A.O.R.

Ref your top secret letter NRW/ dated 26 Nov 46  
and attachments thereto, herewith report as requested at para 8.

1. The search was carried out commencing at 0900 hrs  
on Wednesday the 8th Jan 47.
2. Troops employed consisted of two Coys of the 1st Bn  
Royal Welch Fusiliers, assisted by twelve Public Safety Officers.
3. The method employed was as follows:-
  - (a) One Coy quietly surrounded the village at 0900 hrs.
  - (b) The second Coy was split in to nine search parties of  
five men, each accompanied by a P.S. Officer. Searching commenced  
immediately the village was surrounded, each party having been  
detailed to search certain blocks of houses according to prearranged  
plan. As each house was searched, a certificate was obtained by P.S.  
that nothing had been taken, other than any named article confiscated.  
On completion of the search of each house, the adult male occupants  
were turned out to parade on the main street.
4. Complete surprise seemed to have been attained and the  
Yugoslav L.O's were taken in to the village to the Command Post under  
escort and without difficulty.
5. The Yugoslav L.O's were put in the picture as to how the  
operation was being carried out, and were invited to move where they  
wished in the village to observe the search, so long as they remained  
under escort. They however, decided to remain in the Command Post,

Cont/d



throughout the operation. The Yugoslav L.O. asked that a list of traitors which he produced would be checked with the camp nominal roll. The list consisted of names of persons agreed by the British Foreign Office to extradition. This was done, and six names of persons living in the camp were similar to those on the L.O.'s list. These names will be forwarded through FEOP channels for advice on the matter. It is pointed out that the Yugoslav L.O. had no description of the persons wanted and could not identify them. He could produce two photographs only; one of General Vlada DIMITRIJEVIC, and one of a man named ODZVIC. In these circumstances it was impossible to carry out the first object of the search, ie, to arrest the criminals named in appendix 'A' to HQ /09236/Sec.G. of the 20th Nov 46, even if they were still living in Voerde Camp.

6. The search of the houses was completed at 1300hrs.
7. The Yugoslav L.O. was then asked if he would like to have the men paraded so that he could identify the persons whose photographs he was in possession of. He did not think that this would be a wise thing to do and asked that the military would do this for him. It was agreed that he would observe the men as they filed past the officer with the photographs, from an upstairs window. This was carried out, but no identification was made.
8. The feeling in the camp during the search was predominantly good humoured. The Yugoslav soldiers were quiet and respectful and their officers were most helpful. At the end, when the Yugoslav L.O's were being escorted from the camp, there was rather a noisy demonstration with shouts of "Down with Tito" and "Long live King Peter". The Royal Yugoslav flag was also displayed. This demonstration was quickly broken up and the L.O's left the Camp without incident.
9. The result of the search was as follows:-
  - (a) No traitors or war criminals listed in appendix A were found.
  - (b) No arms or ammunition were found.
  - (c) Three typewriter and duplicators were found, together with a quantity of printed matter consisting mainly of newspapers and the camp news sheet. Samples of these news sheets have been forwarded to FEOP Dept under separate cover. The Yugoslav L.O. took samples of this literature away with him. No printing presses were found.
10. After the search was completed I personally interviewed General TESANOVIC, the camp leader and impressed on him the necessity for discipline in the camp, and at the same time made him responsible that no further anti-Tito or anti-repatriation propaganda would be printed in the camp. This he promised to give his cooperation in doing. The typewriters were not impounded, as they are part of the camp equipment.

11.

ACK.

arnsberg  
9 Jan 47  
DRC/PA

Colonel.  
Capt. R. Hill Gov RE Arnsberg.  
(Col. D.A. STIRLING).



TOP SECRET

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Electrical Industries Branch,  
Trade and Industry Division,  
64 H.Q., C.C.G., MINDEN,  
B.A.O.R.

7th January 1947.

To : PW & DP Division,  
LEMGO.

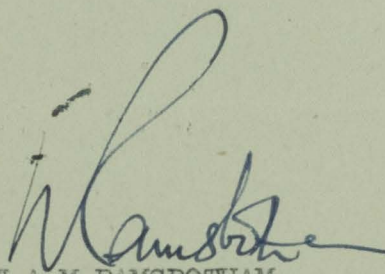
Subject : E. Mykelvitch.

The above named person is living in the  
D.P. Camp at Bedburg.

It had been hoped to employ him in a  
technical capacity in the U.K. but in view of the  
arrangements for this having fallen through, it is  
thought that he might be of service to the U.S.A.,  
especially as he states that he has some friends in  
America.

It will most probably be necessary for  
this man to visit the U.S. Zone in order to further  
his chances of employment, and it would be appreciated  
if you would inform this office of the correct procedure.

Death note by phone  
K.B.  
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W.A.M. RAMSBOTHAM,  
for Director.

WAMR/MRM



dated 4. Jan 47

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COP NO. .... 8

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE  
CHIEF OF STAFFS CONFERENCE ROOM  
HEADQUARTERS BRITISH ARMY OF THE  
RHINE AT 1430 HOURS ON THURSDAY  
2 JANUARY 1947 TO DISCUSS THE WAR  
OFFICE DECISION TO MOVE 200  
RECALCITRANT POLES FROM THE UNITED  
KINGDOM TO GERMANY

<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	Colonel	R.J.	HOARE	Col GS(SD) HQ BAOR
<u>PRESENT</u>	Commander	G.D.	ANDERSON RN	} rep Vice Admiral Commanding British Naval Forces GERMANY
	Sub-Lieutenant	R.	TODD RNVR	
	Wing-Commander	W.H.	REED	Air Headquarters, British Air Forces of Occupation
	Brigadier	G.V.	BRITTEN	Secretariat
	Colonel	A.	ROSS	} Allied ) Control Liaison ) Commission Branch ) for GERMANY
	Major	N.D.	JENNINGS	
	Major	D.J.L.	GRAY	PW & DP ) (British Div ) Element)
	Major	F.W.	COOMBS	G(Ops) )
	Major	T.W.	YOUNGSON	G(Int) )
	Captain	D.le	SEELLEUR	A(Org) )
	Captain	R.P.	GORDON	A(MP-Demob) ) HQ BAOR
	Captain	C.J.	LYNCH	Q )
	Major	D.S.	GREAVES	Q(M) )
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Major	K.L.	VINK	G(SDO 2a) )

OBJECTACTION  
BY

1. The object of the meeting was to coord the views of all the Services in GERMANY, to the War Office proposal to move 200 recalcitrant Poles from the United Kingdom to GERMANY for discharge, and to enable the representative of Headquarters, British Army of the RHINE to make firm proposals at the meeting to be held in LONDON on 7 January 1947; (full details of this meeting were circulated in BAOR/39030/G(SDO 2a) dated 31 December 1946).

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

2. Brigadier BRITTEN stated that the Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element) had agreed to the acceptance in German refugee camps of up to 1000 discharged recalcitrant Poles providing that they:-

- (a) had NO dependents,
- (b) were fit young men preferably suitable for employment in coal mines,
- (c) have NO criminal records or known Nazi sympathies



ACTION BY

Brigadier BRITTEN stated that it was essential to have nominal rolls showing their qualifications as soon as possible.

3. It was agreed that it would be undesirable to demobilise these Poles in 1 Polish Armoured Division area. Representative DP and PW Division, Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element) stated that he was prepared to accept them at the refugee camp in OSNABRUCK, and that demobilisation could be carried out in this camp. No accommodation could be provided in this camp for any escort or demobilisation team. In view of the present temporary stoppage of refugee traffic, it was desirable to accept these Poles as soon as possible and before 10 February 1947.

4. It was agreed that these Poles could only be accepted providing the War Office gave a definite assurance that it had been clearly explained to them by a responsible person, preferably one with a knowledge of German refugee camps, that their refusal to join the Polish Resettlement Corps, or to be repatriated to POLAND, would lead to their being moved to GERMANY, demobilised and treated as German civilians.

MOVE FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO OSNABRUCK

5. It was agreed that the movement from port of entry to OSNABRUCK would be a RHINE Army commitment.

6. It was agreed that War Office should be pressed to arrange movement via CUXHAVEN, and a British escort who would accompany the party until demobilisation was completed.

7. It was agreed that a special train would be provided direct to OSNABRUCK avoiding an overnight transit commitment at CUXHAVEN.

Q(M) HQ  
BAOR  
Q, HQ BAOR

PROCESS OF DEMOBILISATION

8. In view of the fact that:-

- (a) The Royal Navy and Royal Air Force have NO machinery in GERMANY for the demobilisation of Poles,
- (b) it is not considered desirable to use members of the Polish Armed Forces in GERMANY to demobilise these recalcitrant Poles, since the Poles in GERMANY have had NO opportunity of electing to join the Polish Resettlement Corps,

It was agreed that the War Office be asked to provide the necessary Polish Naval, Military and Air Force personnel complete with the necessary documents to effect demobilisation at OSNABRUCK.

DISPOSAL OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

9. It was agreed that the War Office be pressed to arrange for the gratuities and sterling balances due to these Poles to be placed in Savings Accounts in the United Kingdom since:-

- (a) NOT more than £10 sterling can be brought out of the United Kingdom,
- (b) the mark has NO foreign exchange value.



ACTION BY

10. It was agreed that each Pole must bring sufficient money with him to ensure that he does NOT arrive at OSNABRUCK destitute. Arrangements to change this money from sterling to marks to be made at the port of entry by A Branch, Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine

A(Orig)  
HQ BAOR

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

11. It was agreed that:-

(a) A representative of Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine should press the War Office:-

(i) To ensure that Poles moved to GERMANY know what future awaits them.

HQ BAOR  
rep at  
LONDON  
meeting

(ii) To carry out a careful screening to ensure that NO undesirable Poles are moved.

(iii) To provide an adequate British guard to escort these Poles until they are demobilised at OSNABRUCK.

(iv) To arrange for demobilisation teams from all three Services to accompany the party to carry out their demobilisation at OSNABRUCK

(v) To make adequate arrangements for the disposal of their sterling.

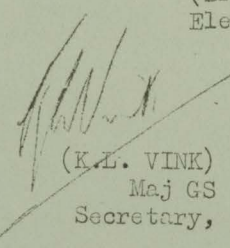
(b) RHINE Army would be responsible for the Poles until their demobilisation.

HQ BAOR

(c) Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element) assume responsibility after demobilisation at the refugee camp in OSNABRUCK.

Control  
Commission  
for GERMANY  
(British  
Element)

Extension 2508  
Headquarters,  
British Army of the Rhine  
BAOR  
DKP

  
(K.L. VINK)  
Maj GS  
Secretary,



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PW and DP Division (5)

Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine

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In lieu of Army Form A 16

From:

To : Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine G(SD) Branch

Receipt is acknowledged of BAOR/39030/G(SD 2a) dated  
4 Jan 47, Copy No.....<sup>8</sup>

Date.....

Signature.....

Branch.....

Formation.....



Chief Liaison Officer,  
CCG (EE).

Ref. No.8.

Soviet citizens eligible for repatriation who are now employed in the service of Soviet officers accredited in the British Zone are persistently demanding to be sent back to the USSR and, in agreement with higher authority, I am therefore compelled to curtail the establishment given to you.

While sending Soviet citizens back to the USSR, I am posting part of my accredited officers for permanent residence in the following regions:

<u>Province of Schleswig-Holstein:</u>	All officers will live in Lubeck.
<u>Province of Hannover:</u>	The officers will live in three towns: Hannover, Braunschweig, Oldenburg.
<u>Westphalia and North Rhine:</u>	All officers will live in Hemer.

In making these changes, I must point out that the officers will continue to be accredited to the appropriate regional and provincial governments as before.

Of the assembly points previously functioning the following three will remain in use:

Lubeck.

Hemer.

Braunschweig.

The transit point for handing-over remains in Volsburg.

*Wolfsburg*

My senior officers have been instructed to inform the appropriate regional governments of these changes.

(signed) BRUKHANOV. Colonel.

4 Jan 47.

Head, Soviet Military Mission for Repatriation.



URGENT

SECRET

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Ext: 675

HQ/06800/5/Sec G.

Secretariat,  
Zonal Executive Offices,  
COG Lubbecke,  
60 HQ COG,  
BAOR.

2 January, 1947.

To:- Allied Liaison Branch,  
Bad Salzflun.

Subject:- Incidents on Russian Zonal Boundary

1. DCOS (Exec) has decided he will interview General Konovalov on Friday 10th January 1947 at 1100 hours in the Small Conference Room, when the following will be discussed.

- (a) Soviet Mission's report on the list of incidents which took place during September and October 1946 and given to Capt Ivanov (Soviet Navy) by DCOS (Exec) on 15 Nov 46.
- (b) Soviet Mission's report on the Tettelnborn incident which was the subject of an interview between DCOS (Exec) and General Konovalov on 30 November 1946.
- (c) Further Soviet Boundary incidents which have occurred since our first representations to the Soviet were made.
- (d) The closure of the Soviet Stragglers Camps at BUXTEHUDE, BASSUM, BEVENSEN and BRUNSWICK.

2. It is requested that you will warn General Konovalov that reports under para 1 (a) and (b) will be required.

3. PW & DP Division will be represented for the discussion on para 1 (d) above.

*Heaven*  
Secretariat.

Copy to:- PW & DP Division, LEMGO. (Your PWDP/58691 of 20 Dec refers)



*I will go.*

*2A*

*691*

*Feb.*

*I shall need a brief as all we  
know about the above camps. Do we  
know of any more?*



1. Put you on with the dependents of SP of known and character.
2. Jendobee.  
Led to a SP Camp near RIMAR to the Mangrove on direct line to the mine.
3. Cusheva + 15-10 off escort direct to Refugee Camp to be housed by us. - ? OSNABRUCK.
4. He arrange with Mangrove for their immediate employment.
5. Promised that 20 logs of PWD in existence we would GUARANTEE repatriation for any irregularity or stay for repatriation.
6. Early date - of Lomonoff.  
Guards at Camp until debarred.
7. Who clean Camp.



DRAFT SIGNAL TO CONFOLK

FROM: PWDP LEMGO  
TO: CONFOLK LONDON

TOP SECRET (.) Attention Mr. CRAWFORD (.)

Reference War Office SD2/BM/9111/A of 23 Dec 46 para 2 (.)

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discharge will they and subsequent parties have DP status or that  
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but assure you will make agreement with UNRRA before passing  
directive for us if intention is to give these men DP status (.)  
Matter considered most urgent

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SUBJECT:- Movement to GERMANY of recalcitrant  
members of the Polish Armed Forces

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Vice Admiral Commanding,  
British Naval Forces GERMANY,  
Naval Headquarters, HAMBURG.

Copy No 6....

British Air Forces of Occupation (Operations)

Zonal Executive Offices,  
Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element)  
Office of the Deputy Military Governor -  
Secretariat

Allied Liaison Branch  
FW & DP Division

BAOR/39030/G(SDO 2a)

31 December 1946

Reference attached copy of War Office Loose Minute  
SD 2/RM/9111/A dated 23 December 1946, and our signal SD 5914 of 301830A.

1. In order to coordinate the views of all services in GERMANY, and to enable the representative from this Headquarters to put forward firm proposals at the meeting in LONDON, a conference will be held in the Chief of Staff's conference room, Hotel KONIGSHOF, BAD OEYNHAUSEN at 1430 hours on Thursday 2 January 1947.

2. The agenda will be :-

- (a) to discuss the arrangements for the movement of these Poles from the UNITED KINGDOM to demobilisation centres in GERMANY with special reference to security measures
- (b) to decide upon the procedure for the demobilisation of these Poles if it is to be carried out in GERMANY
- (c) to discuss the disposal of these Poles after demobilisation.

3. Colonel GE(SD) will be in the chair. It is requested that you be represented.

Ext 2518  
Headquarters,  
British Army of the Rhine,  
BAOR.  
AHC

*I.H. Freeland*  
*for* *I.H. Freeland*  
(I.H. FREELAND)  
Lieutenant General,  
General Officer Commanding in Chief.

Copy to :- Headquarters British Army of the Rhine

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} who are requested  
} to be represented.  
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Loose Minute to  
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1. The present situation in which some 7,000 all ranks of the Polish forces in the United Kingdom have neither elected enlistment in the Polish Resettlement Corps nor repatriation to Poland is unsatisfactory.

It is considered that many of them have as yet refused to decide what to do in the hope of a solution satisfactory to themselves, and that this attitude will change when their future is made known to them.

2. It has been decided therefore that a first draft of 200 all ranks, including a proportion of Polish Naval and Air Force personnel, will be sent to Germany for discharge there, in order to set an example to other recalcitrants and to encourage Polish personnel who have not yet had to make up their minds, to select one or other alternative when the time comes for them to do so.

3. In order to decide the details necessary to put this plan into effect, a meeting will be held in Room 350 the War Office at 1500 hrs on 7 Jan 47, and it is requested that you will attend or arrange to be represented.

4. The agenda is attached at Appendix 'A'.

(Sgd) G. FITZGEORGE BALFOUR  
Lieut Col

for DSD

23 Dec 46

Copies to: Headquarters, )  
British Army of the Rhine, G(SD). )  
Headquarters, )  
Scottish Command. )  
Northern Command. )  
Eastern Command. )  
Southern Command. ) who are  
Western Command. ) invited  
Admiralty (Captain Selby). ) to send  
Air Ministry (Wing Commander Biles). ) one  
Control Office for Austria and Germany (Mr. Crawford). ) represent-  
British Advisory Staff to HQ Polish Resettlement Corps. ) ative.  
Home Office (Mr. Hill). )  
Foreign Office (Mr. Hancock) )



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Appendix 'A'

AGENDA

1. To discuss the draft instruction at Annexure 'A'.
2. To decide the allotment of the 200 all ranks between Commands, the Admiralty and the Air Ministry.
3. To decide whether the first draft can be sent direct to port from their present locations.
4. To decide the location of a holding camp if item 3 above is not considered to be practicable.
5. To decide on what security arrangements will be necessary to prevent absenteeism before and during the move to port.
6. To decide details of discharge in Germany.



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THE WAR OFFICE,  
WHITEHALL,  
S.W.1.

SD2/BM/9111/A

December 1946

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Despatch of first draft of recalcitrant  
Polish soldiers to Germany

1. It has been decided that a first draft of 200 Polish officers and men who are prepared neither to join the Polish Resettlement Corps nor to return to Poland will be sent as soon as possible to Germany for immediate discharge from the Polish forces under arrangements to be made by Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine. On discharge they will be paid release benefits to which they are entitled.
2. The object of this move is to induce Polish officers and men to accept either enlistment in the Polish Resettlement Corps or repatriation to Poland, and to stress to all Polish personnel that nothing is to be gained by refusing one or other alternative. For this reason the move will be given the maximum amount of publicity among the Polish troops under your command, and in particular among those who:
  - (a) at present adopt a recalcitrant attitude;
  - (b) have not yet been offered the opportunity of enlisting in the Polish Resettlement Corps.
3. Allotment of vacancies for this first draft between Commands and other Services is shown at Appendix 'A' attached.
4. Commands will select immediately their quota based on three main considerations:
  - (a) to ensure that in any given locality recalcitrant Poles are selected in the order of priority in which they were given the opportunity of enlisting in the Polish Resettlement Corps;
  - (b) to ensure that selection is spread as evenly as possible throughout the United Kingdom.
  - (c) To ensure that as far as possible no men of Nazi sympathies or with criminal records are included.



C O P Y

Appendix 'A'

Allotment of vacancies for the first draft of  
recalcitrant Polish personnel to be moved to  
Germany for discharge there.

1. Scottish Command
2. Northern Command
3. Eastern Command
4. Western Command
5. Southern Command
6. Admiralty
7. Air Ministry

Total

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200

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Matter considered most urgent

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HQ/011108/Sec G.

Secretariat,  
Zonal Executive Offices,  
CCG Lubbecke,  
60 HQ CCG,  
BAOR.

30 December 1946.

To: Distribution below.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Members of the  
Polish Armed Forces.

Attached are Minutes of a Conference held at Zonal Executive  
Offices on 27th December, 1946.

*J N Saxbury*  
Secretariat.

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          G(SD) 4



Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

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PA to DCOS (Pol) 1  
Political Division 2  
PW & DP Division 2  
Secretariat 3

PA to DCOS (Exec) 1  
PA to ACOS (Exec) A 1  
PA to DACOS (A) 1  
Allied Liaison Branch 2  
Political Division 2  
PW & DP Division 2 ✓  
Secretariat 3  
HQ. Intelligence Division 2



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REPATRIATION OF MEMBERS OF THE POLISH ARMED  
FORCES

MINUTES

of a Meeting held in Room 45, Tax House, Lubbecke, on  
Friday, 27th December 1946, at 1030 hrs.

THERE WERE PRESENT

Brigadier G.V. Britten (ACOS(Exec)A)	(In the Chair)
Colonel W. Knapton	DACOS(A)
Colonel D.S. Gordon	Col. GS(Ops), HQ, BAOR.
Lieut-Col. S.H. Kent	G(Ops) HQ. BAOR.
Lieut-Col. R.E. Lloyd	G(Int) " "
Colonel R.J. Hoare	Col. GS(SD) HQ. BAOR.
Lieut-Col. I.H. Freeland	G(SD) HQ. BAOR.
Major K.L. Vink	G(SD) " "
Colonel A. Ross	Allied Liaison Branch
Major N.D. Jennings	" " "
Lieut-Col. N.D. Barlow	Combined Services Division
Mr. C.E. King	Political Division
Major D.J.L. Gray	PW & DP Division
Mr. S.B. Wakefield	" "
Mr. J.M. Liudzius	Intelligence Division
Mr. J.N. Duxbury	Secretariat.



NO.

1. THE PROBLEM

HQ BAOR stated that the personnel of the Polish Armoured Division would begin to move to the United Kingdom about the middle of January. But there were a number, estimated at a maximum of 3,000, who wished to be repatriated to Poland. 400 of these were already demobilised and awaiting screening. It was most desirable that the repatriation should be completed before the Polish Armoured Division was dissolved since much of the work involved would be done by that Division. To attain this object, it was essential to begin repatriation at an early date. Negotiations with the Polish Military Mission in Berlin were now in progress.

2. PROCEDURE FOR "SCREENING"

HQ BAOR pointed out that according to the present procedure, a man applying for repatriation was first demobilised, and then "screened" by the Polish authorities to ensure that he was of Polish citizenship and not politically undesirable. If a man was not accepted for repatriation, he was left "high and dry". Therefore, "screening" should take place before demobilisation. A possible alternative might be that the final payment of gratuity and issue of civilian clothing should be made after screening, while the rest of the demobilisation procedure took place before, as at present.

HQ BAOR objected to the latter suggestion on the grounds that the splitting of the demobilisation process would entail a considerable increase in British Staff. They were strongly in favour of the first proposal, (i.e. screening before demobilisation) which had been agreed in principle by the War Office and the Polish authorities.

They also felt that as the demobilisation must take place in the Polish Armoured Division Area, the screening should take place in, or near that Area. Otherwise, the repatriate would have to be taken to Hamburg or Lubeck for screening, and would then have to return to the Polish Armoured Divisional Area for demobilisation, after which he would return to Lubeck to be moved to Poland by sea.

After discussion

(2) THE MEETING:

- (a) agreed that screening should take place before demobilisation
- (b) considered that a consulate for the screening process should be established in or near the Polish Armoured Division area, but that if the Poles would not consent to this, the double journey to and from Lubeck would have to be accepted.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF POLISH CONSULATES IN THE BRITISH ZONE

Col. Barlow (Army Branch, Combined Services Division) stated that the Chief of the Polish Military Mission had written to the DMG requesting permission to establish Polish Consulates at Hamburg and Brunswick, to undertake the screening of members of the Polish Forces who applied for repatriation, and also to look after the normal Polish interests in those localities. There was at the moment only one officer with the Polish Repatriation Mission who performed consular duties, and he could not do all the work involved.

A reply was sent to the Poles accepting their proposals in general, but not going into any detail as to the number or location of consulates, or whether they should be permanent or temporary.

/Mr. King.



Mr. King (Political Division) pointed out that HMG had permitted the Polish Government to establish consulates in the United Kingdom for screening Polish soldiers applying for repatriation. It was reasonable that they should require two or three officials in the British Zone for this purpose.

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After discussion

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HQ, BAOR  
& PW & DP.

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HQ/011108/Sec G.

Secretariat,  
Zonal Executive Offices,  
CCG Lubbecke,  
60 HQ CCG,  
BAOR.

30 December 1946.

To: Distribution below.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Members of the  
Polish Armed Forces.

Attached are Minutes of a Conference held at Zonal Executive  
Offices on 27th December, 1946.

*J N Duxbury*  
Secretariat.

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REPATRIATION OF MEMBERS OF THE POLISH ARMED  
FORCES

MINUTES

of a Meeting held in Room 45, Tax House, Lubbecke, on  
Friday, 27th December 1946, at 1030 hrs.

THERE WERE PRESENT

Brigadier G.V. Britten (ACOS(Exec)A)	(In the Chair)
Colonel W. Knapton	DACOS(A)
Colonel D.S. Gordon	Col. GS(Ops), HQ, BAOR.
Lieut-Col. S.H. Kent	G(Ops) HQ. BAOR.
Lieut-Col. R.E. Lloyd	G(Int) " "
Colonel R.J. Hoare	Col. GS(SD) HQ. BAOR.
Lieut-Col. I.H. Freeland	G(SD) HQ. BAOR.
Major K.L. Vink	G(SD) " "
Colonel A. Ross	Allied Liaison Branch
Major N.D. Jennings	" " "
Lieut-Col. N.D. Barlow	Combined Services Division
Mr. C.E. King	Political Division
Major D.J.L. Gray	PW & DP Division
Mr. S.B. Wakefield	" "
Mr. J.M. Liudzius	Intelligence Division
Mr. J.N. Duxbury	Secretariat.



NO.

1. THE PROBLEM

HQ BAOR stated that the personnel of the Polish Armoured Division would begin to move to the United Kingdom about the middle of January. But there were a number, estimated at a maximum of 3,000, who wished to be repatriated to Poland. 400 of these were already demobilised and awaiting screening. It was most desirable that the repatriation should be completed before the Polish Armoured Division was dissolved since much of the work involved would be done by that Division. To attain this object, it was essential to begin repatriation at an early date. Negotiations with the Polish Military Mission in Berlin were now in progress.

2. PROCEDURE FOR "SCREENING"

HQ BAOR pointed out that according to the present procedure, a man applying for repatriation was first demobilised, and then "screened" by the Polish authorities to ensure that he was of Polish citizenship and not politically undesirable. If a man was not accepted for repatriation, he was left "high and dry". Therefore, "screening" should take place before demobilisation. A possible alternative might be that the final payment of gratuity and issue of civilian clothing should be made after screening, while the rest of the demobilisation procedure took place before, as at present.

HQ BAOR objected to the latter suggestion on the grounds that the splitting of the demobilisation process would entail a considerable increase in British Staff. They were strongly in favour of the first proposal, (i.e. screening before demobilisation) which had been agreed in principle by the War Office and the Polish authorities.

They also felt that as the demobilisation must take place in the Polish Armoured Division Area, the screening should take place in, or near that Area. Otherwise, the repatriate would have to be taken to Hamburg or Lubeck for screening, and would then have to return to the Polish Armoured Divisional Area for demobilisation, after which he would return to Lubeck to be moved to Poland by sea.

After discussion

(2) THE MEETING:

- (a) agreed that screening should take place before demobilisation
- (b) considered that a consulate for the screening process should be established in or near the Polish Armoured Division area, but that if the Poles would not consent to this, the double journey to and from Lubeck would have to be accepted.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF POLISH CONSULATES IN THE BRITISH ZONE

Col. Barlow (Army Branch, Combined Services Division) stated that the Chief of the Polish Military Mission had written to the DMG requesting permission to establish Polish Consulates at Hamburg and Brunswick, to undertake the screening of members of the Polish Forces who applied for repatriation, and also to look after the normal Polish interests in those localities. There was at the moment only one officer with the Polish Repatriation Mission who performed consular duties, and he could not do all the work involved.

A reply was sent to the Poles accepting their proposals in general, but not going into any detail as to the number or location of consulates, or whether they should be permanent or temporary.

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IY 17818  
DTO 301830  
TOR 311630

FROM: EXFOR

TO: VACBNFG  
BAFO  
CONCOMB

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SD 5914. 30 DEC. '46.

SUBJECT IS MOVE TO GERMANY OF TWO HUNDRED RECALCITRANT  
POLISH SAILORS, SOLDIERS, AIRMEN.

CONFERENCE EXFOR FOR 1430 HRS 2 JAN. CHIEF OF STAFFS  
CONFERENCE ROOM TO AGREE FIRM PROPOSALS BEFORE WAR OFFICE  
CONFERENCE 7 JAN. BEING ATTENDED REP EXFOR.

AGENDA FOLLOWS.

PLEASE BE REP.

DTO 301830

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PWDP DIV LEMGO

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For Action

PWDP DIV BERLIN

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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Originator's No.

PWDP/58691/G (.) 31 DEC 46 (.) TOP SECRET (.) Subject is search of VOERDE Camp (.)  
 Small scale search carried out without result (.) Large scale search named  
 operation VALIANT will take place 8 JAN 47

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FROM: CONCOMB  
TO: SECRETARIAT BERLIN.  
INFO: CONCOMB.

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DTO 281600  
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CCG 53550 CCG/HQ/011108/SEC. 28 DEC 46.

FROM SECRETARIAT.

REF MY CCG/53469 DATED 27 DEC 46.

ALLIED LIAISON BRANCH HAVE SINCE DISCUSSED CERTAIN OF THESE PROBLEMS WITH POLISH REPATRIATION MISSION IN ZONE. REACTIONS OF THIS MISSION ARE AS FOLLOWS.

1. THEY AGREE THAT IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE A POLISH CONSUL IN BRUNSWICK. THEY FEEL THE BRUNSWICK CONSULATE SHOULD WORK IN THE POLISH DIV AREA.
2. THEY INSIST THAT THERE MUST BE TWO CONSULATES THE SECOND ONE BEING EITHER IN HAMBURG OR LUBECK. THEY DO NOT MIND WHICH PARTICULAR PLACE OF THESE TWO WE SELECT FOR THIS.
3. THE MISSION'S IDEA IS THAT THESE CONSULATES SHOULD HAVE FULL CONSULAR POWERS AND ONCE ESTABLISHED SHOULD REMAIN PERMANENTLY IN THE ZONE. THIS MEANS THE CONSULS WOULD NOT ONLY SCREEN POLISH SOLDIERS BUT WOULD COVER THE WHOLE CONSULAR FIELD.
4. COMMANDER OF POLISH DIV HAS AGREED TO HAVING A WARSAW POLISH SCREENING TEAM WORKING IN HIS DIVISIONAL AREA.

DTO 281600

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OY 72417  
DTG 271730  
THI 271800

CCG 53469    CCG/HQ/011108 /SEC. 27 DEC. 46  
FROM SECRETARIAT.

REF YOUR AHQ/11102/5. OF 17 DEC.

CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES ARE BEING EXPERIENCED IN IMPLEMENTING  
YOUR AGREEMENT WITH FRAWIN AND AT REQUEST OF HQ BAOR  
ACOS(A) HELD A CONFERENCE HERE TODAY TO EXAMINE PROBLEMS IN-  
VOLVED. RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHICH WE REQUEST YOUR URGENT  
COMMENTS FOLLOW. COL. BARLOW OF COMBINED SERVICES DIV  
ATTENDED FROM BERLIN AND PROPOSES TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH  
DCOS (POL) ON RETURN TO BERLIN.

1. UNDERSTAND ARRANGEMENT IS FOR POLISH SOLDIERS TO BE  
DEMOBILISED FIRST AND SCREENED BY POLISH CONSULATES AFTER-  
WARDS. THIS PROCEDURE IS OBJECTED TO BY BAOR AND BY US  
BECAUSE IT LEAVES POLES REJECTED BY WARSAW GOVERNMENT HIGH  
AND DRY ALSO IS LIKELY TO MILITATE AGAINST OPTING FOR  
RETRIBUTION. WE HAVE THEREFORE AGREED WITH HQ BAOR TO  
ARRANGE FOR SCREENING FIRST AND FOR DEMOBILISATION TO  
FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY FOR THOSE ACCEPTED BY WARSAW. ASSUME YOU  
AGREE.

2. IT WOULD SAVE MUCH WORK AND UNNECESSARY TRAVELLING IF  
SCREENING BY POLISH CONSULAR OFFICIALS WERE CARRIED OUT IN  
OR NEAR POLISH DIV AREA. CAN YOU PERSUADE FRAWIN TO AGREE TO  
ESTABLISHING POLISH CONSULATE IN OR NEAR POLISH DIV AREA AS  
OPPOSED TO BRUNSWICK AND HAMBURG? IF FRAWIN WILL NOT AGREE  
TO THIS ONLY ALTERNATIVE WHICH IS AGREED BETWEEN BAOR AND





OURSELVES IS TO ACCEPT DOUBLE JOURNEY BY SENDING POLISH SOLDIERS TO LUBECK FOR SCREENING RETURNING THEM TO POLISH DIV AREA FOR DISCHARGE OR RETENTION IF NOT ACCEPTED ON SCREENING AND THEN RETURNING TO LUBECK FOR REPATRIATION THOSE ACCEPTED AND DISCHARGED.

3. ALL REPATRIATION WOULD BE BY SEA FROM LUBECK USING SURPLUS CAPACITY IN PRESENT SHIP ALLOTTED FOR DFS. IF NUMBERS BECOME TOO LARGE DF DIV CAN LAY ON OCCASIONAL SPECIAL TRAIN FROM LUBECK TO STETTIN. THEREFORE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLISH CONSULATE IN BRUNSWICK APPEARS TO BE ENTIRELY UNNECESSARY. POLES MAY HAVE THOUGHT THAT SOME REPATRIATION OF EX POLISH SOLDIERS WOULD BE VIA HELMSTEDT ON RETURNING SWALLOW TRAINS. AS SWALLOW IS NOW OFF COULD YOU NOT PERSUADE POLES TO ABANDON IDEA OF A CONSULATE IN BRUNSWICK? INTELLIGENCE ARE AGAINST HAVING MORE CONSULATES IN THE ZONE IF IT CAN BE AVOIDED.

4. WE THINK SECOND CONSULATE SHOULD BE IN OR NEAR POLISH DIV AREA AS ALREADY STATED. IF WARSAW POLES WILL NOT AGREE IT SHOULD BE IN LUBECK AND NOT HAMBURG OWING TO ACUTE ACCOMMODATION DIFFICULTIES THERE. WE COULD NOT POSSIBLY SEND POLISH DFS TO HAMBURG FOR SCREENING BUT WE COULD SEND THEM TO LUBECK WHERE TRANSIT ACCOMMODATION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. WOULD YOU GET THIS POINT CLEARED UP WITH TRAWIN.

5. LETTER OF 9 DEC FROM TRAWIN CIRCULATED UNDER YOUR NO AHQ/11102/5 OF 17 DEC READS AS IF POLES INTEND TO ESTABLISH THEIR TWO CONSULATES PERMANENTLY. CONFERENCE HELD THIS MORNING AGREED UNANIMOUSLY THIS SHOULD BE RESISTED BUT THAT TO DO SO BEFORE ALL POLISH SOLDIERS OPTING FOR REPATRIATION HAVE BEEN SENT HOME MIGHT LEAD TO WARSAW CALLING WHOLE OPERATION



OFF. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND NOTHING SHOULD BE SAID TO WARSAW  
POLES NOW BUT THAT THEY SHOULD BE ASKED TO WITHDRAW ANY  
CONSULATES ESTABLISHED FOR THIS OPERATION AS SOON AS IT IS  
CONCLUDED.

6. WE UNDERSTAND TRAWIN IS PREPARED TO SET UP HIS PROPOSED  
CONSULAR AGENCIES BY CONFERRING NECESSARY CONSULAR POWERS ON  
POLISH OFFICIALS ALREADY IN BRITISH ZONE. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT  
THIS AND HOPE YOU WILL DISCOURAGE TRAWIN FROM SENDING INTO  
THE ZONE ADDITIONAL POLISH OFFICERS FOR THIS JOB.

7. HQ BAOR HAVE ASKED FOR PRIORITY IN TRANSPORT FACILITIES  
FOR REPATRIATING DISCHARGED MEMBERS OF POLISH ARMED FORCES.

WE HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO GIVE BAOR PRIORITY UP TO MAXIMUM  
OF 1000 PER WEEK WHILST THIS OPERATION LASTS. PROBLEM MAY  
NOT ARISE IN VIEW OF FACT THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SCREEN  
AT THIS RATE. HOWEVER IF IT DOES TW & DP DIV HERE THINK THEY  
CAN MEET SITUATION WITHOUT ANY SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON  
TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR REPATRIATION OF POLISH DPs AND COULD  
IF NECESSARY ARRANGE ONE OR TWO SPECIAL TRAINS FROM LUBECK  
TO STETTIN. PRESUME YOU HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS PRIORITY.

8. HQ BAOR TW & DP DIV AND OTHERS INVOLVED CANNOT MAKE DETAILED  
PLANS NOR FIX TARGET D FOR THIS OPERATION TO BEGIN TILL WE  
HAVE HAD YOUR REACTIONS TO PARAS ONE TO SEVEN ABOVE ALSO  
THOSE OF TRAWIN.

9. MEANWHILE HQ BAOR HAVE RECEIVED FROM WAR OFFICE REQUEST  
FOR POLISH SOLDIERS SERVING UNDER BRITISH COMMAND IN MIDEAST  
WHO OPT FOR REPATRIATION TO BE SENT HOME VIA BRITISH ZONE OF  
GERMANY. HQ BAOR FEEL THEY SHOULD ACCEPT THIS IN VIEW OF SHIF-  
TING COMMITMENTS IN WHICH GREAT BRITAIN WOULD BE INVOLVED IF MIDEAST



POLES HAD TO BE REPATRIATED VIA UK. WE AGREE PROVIDING WE DO NOT HAVE TO ACCEPT POLES EX MIDEAST TILL WE HAVE REPATRIATED POLES FROM OUR ZONE OF GERMANY INVOLVED IN THIS SCHEME. MAY WE HAVE YOUR REACTIONS AS BAOR HAVE TO REPLY TO WAR OFFICE.

DTO 271730

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FROM: BERCOMB.

IX 17173  
DTG 241130  
TOR 251900

TO: CONCOMB

INFO: EXFOR.

BGCC 18090 (HQ/11101/18) 24TH DECEMBER 1946.

YOUR CCG 53201 HQ 09236/SEC(PT II) OF 21ST DECEMBER.

SUBJECT OF 21ST DECEMBER.

SUBJECT IS CONVERSION TO DP STATUS OF YUGOSLAV PWX.

IT IS NOT THE INTENTION TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN  
ON THIS SUBJECT. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE PUBLICITY WILL BE AVOIDED.

DTG 241130

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**Incoming Top Secret Cipher Message**

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IY 16907  
DTO 231200  
TOR 231935

IMPORTANT.

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FROM: RHINWEST

TO: CONCOMB

INFO: HQ MIL GOV R B ARNSBERG  
204 R DET MIL GOV ARNSBERG  
MR. E. C. NOTTINGHAM PUBLIC SAFETY  
MR. F. A. DOMEISEN INTELLIGENCE

MG 102 (NRW/SECT/267/27/B) 23 DEC.46

FOR ALLIED LIAISON BRANCH. INFO SECRETARIAT PWDP DIV  
SUBJECT IS OPERATION VALIANT.

REQUEST YUGOSLAV LIAISON OFFICER FOR THIS OPERATION  
REPORTS TO SENIOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER AT MIL GOV  
OFFICES MESS ALTENA NEAR ISERLOHN (MR A 995001) ON EVENING  
7 JANUARY 47 AND STAYS OVERNIGHT.  
PLEASE CONFIRM.

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FROM RHINWEST 211315  
TO CONCOMB  
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INFO PWDP LEMGO . ALLIED LIAISON BRANCH (BAD SALZUFLEN) EXFOR.

MG 101. TOP SECRET . FOR SECRETARIAT. SUBJECT IS RAID OF  
VOERDE CAMP. YOUR CCG 52579 HQ/09236/SEC Gx OF 12 DEC REFERS.  
INVESTIGATORS HAVE NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER THAT CHIEF PERSONALITIES  
ARE NOT REPEAT NOT IN THE CAMP. CONSIDER ANY FURTHER ACTION AT  
THIS STAGE WOULD PREJUDICE OPERATION VALIANT AND AM REFRAINING  
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FROM: RHINWEST

TO: CONCOMB

INFO: EXFOR

MGL 801. 21 DEC. '46.

FOR SECRETARIAT. FOR INFO PWDP AND ALLIED LIAISON BRANCH.

SUBJECT IS RAID OF VOERDE CAMP.

YOUR CCG 52579 HQ/98236/SEC G OF 12 H DEC. REFERS.

INVESTIGATORS HAVE NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER THAT CHIEF PERSONALITIES  
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A(GERMAN)6588. 20 DEC. '46.

INFO PW & DP.

REFERENCE A(GERMAN) 6567 OF 171815A.

IN ORDER TO AVOID POLITICAL REPERCUSSION IT HAS NOW BEEN  
DECIDED THAT PARADES SHOULD BE IN THE NATURE OF AN INFORMAL  
MUSTER PARADE AND IN NO WAY CEREMONIAL.

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Tel: LEMGO 610  
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PW & DP Division,  
Zonal Executive Offices,  
C.C.G. LEMGO,  
66 HQ C.C.G.,  
B.A.O.R.

20 Dec 46

To: Secretariat,  
Zonal Executive Offices,  
C.C.G. LUBBECKE,  
60 HQ C.C.G.,  
B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: RUSSIAN Stragglers Camps

1. There are, in existence, the following Russian Stragglers Camps:-

(a)	BUXTEHUDE	S.302437
(b)	BASSUM	N.671734
(c)	BEVENSEN	Nr. LUNEBURG
(d)	BRUNSWICK	CAFE BORNER Fr Wilhelm Platz

These camps cannot be adequately supervised by PW & DP Branch. The authorised traffic through them should be NIL and no legitimate reason can be adduced for their existence. Further, it is suspected, although no actual proof can be established, that these Camps are used to collect and repatriate those who are not recognised by HMG as Soviet Citizens, and some of whom are not voluntarily opting for repatriation.

2. The staffs of the Camps mentioned in para 1 above are Russian PWX who should have been repatriated long ago. PWX officers attached to these Camps are acting as unofficial Liaison Officers without the proper authority, thus increasing the strength of the Soviet Repatriation Mission. Such officers cannot be adequately supervised and move about the Zone without authority.

3. In order to deal with the repatriation of the 228 Soviet Citizens still in the British Zone, together with the very small number of non-Soviet Citizens who may opt for repatriation, there is an official Transit Camp at HESSLINGEN which is run by the Russians in accordance with inter-Governmental agreement, and the accommodation at this Camp is good and ample to meet any possible foreseeable requirements. Further, its existence is authorised and it is subject to supervision by PW & DP Branch.

4. On 19 Nov 46 HQ PW/DP Branch Land NIEDERSACHSEN, under orders from this HQ, issued instructions to the Senior Russian Liaison Officer that all Russian Stragglers Camps and Branch Offices in HQ Land NIEDERSACHSEN were to be closed forthwith. A copy of the instruction is at Appx 'A' (23B of 58346/1).

5. In answer to the instruction from Land NIEDERSACHSEN, mentioned in para 4 above, the Chief Soviet Officer for Repat Land NIEDERSACHSEN replied he could not close the camps "until an agreement has been reached by a Conference of high authority of Russian and British representatives", nor could he repatriate the PWX. A copy of his reply is at Appx 'B' (43b of PWDP/58691).

6. On 20 Nov Col BRUKHANOV - Head of the Soviet Repatriation Mission, saw CLO Allied Liaison Branch and expressed his views on the matter, stating that he had told his rep in Land NIEDERSACHSEN to remain at his present strength and condition, until he receives orders from Soviet Higher Command. An account of this interview was forwarded to DCOS (Exec) under ALB.17493/CCG of Nov 46.

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7. It is apparent that the Soviet Repatriation Mission are flouting the authority of the C in C, and they have refused to comply with clear and categorical orders to close Stragglers Camps and repatriate PWX.

8. The existence of these Camps and the presence of the Russian Officer and O.R. PWX who allegedly staff them, are considered to be against the interests of the zone. Their continued existence also militates against the implementation of HMC's policy. It is requested, therefore, that the necessary arrangements may be made to ensure that the Camps be closed and the PWX repatriated in the immediate future.

A.G.KENCHINGTON,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

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FROM: CONCOMB

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THI 211315

CCG 53201. HQ/09236/SEC (PT.III). 21 DECEMBER '46.

FROM D.C.O.S. (EXEC) TO D.C.O.S. (POL).

SUBJECT IS CONVERSION TO D.P. STATUS OF YUGOSLAV PWX.

1. I UNDERSTAND YOU OR THE D.M.G. OR PERHAPS CHIEF, PW/DP DIVISION, PROPOSE HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN TO ANNOUNCE (A) DEMOBILISATION OF SO CALLED ROYAL YUGOSLAV ARMY AND (B) FORMATION OF M.C.W.S.

2. I AM SEEING YUGOSLAV GENERALS HERE AT MID-DAY SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER AND POSTERS APPEAR IN CAMPS EARLY 29TH DECEMBER.

3. I THEREFORE HOPE YOU WILL NOT HOLD PRESSCONFERENCE BEFORE MORNING 28TH DECEMBER OTHERWISE IT MIGHT EMBARRASS ME IN TALKING TO YUGOSLAV GENERALS.

4. WE HAVE GRADED THIS OPERATION AS "SECRET" UNTIL POSTERS APPEAR IN CAMPS ON 29TH DECEMBER TO MINIMISE ANY POSSIBLE TROUBLE AND THIS HAS BEEN AGREED WITH B.A.O.R.

5. IN ORDER THAT WHAT YOU SAY TO PRESS IS APPROXIMATELY IN LINE WITH WHAT I SHALL BE TELLING YUGOSLAV GENERALS I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF I COULD HAVE COPY OF THE BRIEF YOU PROPOSE USING FOR YOUR PRESS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN.

FROM D.C.O.S. (EXEC) TO D.C.O.S. (POL).

DFO 211230

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To:- Distribution as below

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KIEL  
312 HQ CCG (BE)  
B .A.O.R.

17 Dec 46

SUBJECT:- JUGO SLAV Conversion

1. Ref 312/FWDP/519/46 of 19 Nov 46.  
Para 9(c) Firm date 29 Dec 46.  
" 9(d) line five. Amend to read:- "Eicholtz Camp - Maj POMORISAC".  
Para 15 line 13. (for T.D. Mov & 626 'R' Det)  
For "24 Nov" read "30 Dec"  
Throughout:- For "Mr POLLITT Ext 422" read "Maj WRIGHT Ext 409".
2. Ref 312/FWDP/519/46 of 20 Nov 46.  
Para 6. (for 626 - 506/712 'R' Dets)  
Date of departure 27 Dec 46.
3. Ref 312/FWDP/519/46 of 21 Nov 46 (To 626 'R' Det only)  
"STET"
4. Ref 312/FWDP/519/46 (T.P.M.) of 21 Nov 46.  
For 626 - 506/712 'R' Dets  
(first) arrive p.m. 27 Dec 46.  
(second) Stet.  
(third) For "2 Dec" read "28 Dec".  
(fourth) Stet.
5. Ref 312/FWDP/519/46 of 21 Nov 46. To:- Distribution 'A'.  
Cancelled
6. Ref 312/FWDP/519/46 of 26 Nov 46.  
Para 1. For "20 Nov 46" read "27 Dec 46".
7. Ref 312/FWDP/519/46 of 29 Nov 46 (to 626 'R' Det)  
Para 1. For "5 Dec 46" read "2 Jan 47".
8. Ref T.P.M. 312/FWDP/519/46 of 29 Nov 46. SECRET (To 626 'R' Det)  
Posting of Notices. 29 Dec 46.
9. Ref 312/FWDP/519/46 of 2 Dec 46. (To 626 'R' Det  
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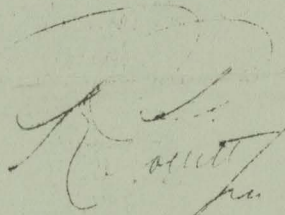
10. Ref 312/PWDP/519/46 of 2 Dec 46. (To 626 - 506/712 'R' Dets).

See para 4 above.

11. Ref 312/PWDP/519/46 of 5 Dec 46 (To 626 'R' Det).

See para 7 above

KIEL  
RP/RH

  
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Deputy Regional Commissioner  
SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN REGION

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